AHAVAS ACHIM NEWSLETTE

APRIL 19, 2024

מצורע/שבת הגדול

י"ב ניסן תשפ"ד

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday

Candlelighting 7:23 p.m
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Beit Midrash

שבת

Shacharit	7:30 & 9:00 a.m.
Rambam Shiur	8:40 a.m

Kiddush after 7:30 a.m. Minyan is sponsored by the early Minyan Fund

Teen Minyan	9:30	a.m.
Latest Shema	9:33	a.m.
Youth Groups	10:00	a.m.
Tot Shabbat	10:30	a.m.

Kiddush after 9:00 a.m. Minyan is sponsored by the Sisterhood.

Daf Yomi 6:30 p.m.
Mincha7:20 p.m.
Shabbat Hagadol Drasha 7:40 p.m.
Maariv 8:29 p.m.
Motzei Shabbat 8:33 p.m.
Sunday Shacharit8:00 & 9:00 a.m.
Bedikat Chametz after 8:34 p.m.

ערב פסח Monday

Taanit Bechorim begins4:56 a.i.	m.
Shacharit/Siyum6:25 & 8:00 a.i	m.
Finish eating Chametz by . 10:16 a.:	m.
Destroy Chametz by 11:36 a.i	m.
Candlelighting 7:26 p.	m.
Mincha/Maariv7:35 p.	m.
Kiddush not before 8:35 p.	m.

פסח ראשון/שני Tuesday/Wednesday

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Daf Yomi	6:45 p.m.
Mincha/Shiurim	7:35 p.m.
Tuesday Maariv	8:05 p.m.
Tuesday Candlelighting	Seder Prep
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after	8:37 p.m.
Wednesday Maariv	•
	8:33 p.m.

חול המועד
Thursday/Friday Shacharit
6:15, 7:45 & 9:00 a.m.
Thursday Mincha/Maariv 7:35 p.m.
Thursday Late Maariv 9:30 p.m.
Friday Candlelighting 7:30 p.m.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
7:00 & 7:35 p.m.

Northside Minyan This Shabbat/ Pesach/Month of May David and Sharon Stern

403 North 8th Ave., Edison

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to Sharon and Eddie Lowinger on the engagement of their son, David to Nava Winton of Sharon, Massachusetts. Mazel Tov to the grandmother, Helen Cooperberg and siblings, Danielle and Michael.

המקום ינחם

The congregation extends its condolences to Suzette Kolb on the loss of her mother, Eva Dratler, z"l. May she and her family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

SHABBAT HAGADOL DRASHA

The rabbi will deliver his annual Shabbat Hagadol Drasha this Shabbat, April 20, between Mincha and Maariv in the Main Sanctuary. This year's Drasha topic is:

דרמייך היי—Through Your Bloods You **Shall Live**

All are encouraged to attend. The Drasha is once again sponsored by Mark and Sandy Abraham in memory of their parents, Arnold Rosenberg z"l and Helen Sue and Emanuel Abraham z"l.

Please note: there will be no Seudah Shlishit in shul this Shabbat.

SIYUM BECHORIM

On Erev Pesach, this Monday, April 22, there will be two minyanim for Shacharit each followed by a siyum. Mazel Tov to the following members who will be making siyumim:

At 6:35 a.m. Shacharit: siyum by Betzalel and Meir Posy on Mishnah Seder Nashim.

At 8:00 a.m. Shacharit: siyum by Justin Hornstein on Yerushalmi Maasrot.

Refreshments sponsored by Susan and Justin Hornstein in commemoration of the vahrzeit of his mother, Roslynd Hornstein

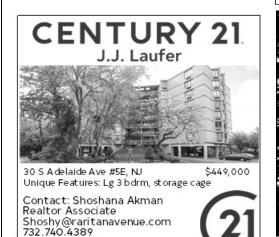
For those firstborns not taking advantage of this opportunity, תענית בכורים begins at 4:56 a.m. and ends at 8:26 p.m.

BIUR CHAMETZ

Burn Chametz by: 11:36 a.m. There will be a communal burning of chametz available in the shul parking lot this Monday, April 22 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Please save a very small amount of chametz from the bedikah the night before and burn it. Please do not place plastic (Continued on page 2)



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the הולים list, email:

bags with the chametz into the fire. If burning is not possible, one may flush the chametz down a drain.

Yussie Weiss - יוסף חיים בן באשא

If you would like to submit a name for

secretary@ahavasachim.org or call

the Shul office: 732-247-0532.

BIUR CHAMETZ AND PESACH WASTE DISPOSAL: EDISON

Garbage, recycle trucks and chametz burning will be available at the corner of **N. 8th Ave. & Edgemount Rd** (Tennis Courts/Earl Schenck Miers Park) from **7:00-11:30 a.m. this Monday, April 22**. Please limit chametz burning to what is ritually necessary, and note that this is for Edison residents only. Thank you for your cooperation, and have a *Pesach Kasher V'sameach*.

HIGHLAND PARK CHAMETZ DISPOSAL DROP-OFF

The Borough's Department of Public Works offers a Chametz disposal drop-off service for any residents who wish to drop off garbage and recycling materials. Chametz disposal will be offered on 2 Monday, April 22 during the hours of

6:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. at the **Department of Public Works**: 444 Valentine Street.

SHARE PESACH WITH OTHERS

Pesach provides opportunity to add to your celebration by sharing meals with others. Whether you will be home and are interested in having others join you, or you are ready to join others, you can contact Hospitality Committee Chair Mark Abraham at abraham839@gmail.com or 732-545-6639 and identify whether you are interested in being a host or a guest.

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

On **Shabbat afternoon**, **May 4**, we will have a special Yom Hashoah Commemoration featuring the launch of Ahavas Achim's **Sefer Zikaron**: **Reflections on the Shoah**.

- 7:35 p.m. Mincha
- 7:55 p.m. Commemoration
- **8:43 p.m.** Maariv followed by Havdalah and Dessert Reception

The Sefer Zikaron is a 214-page volume containing 37 articles by members of Ahavas Achim recounting their own or their family's experiences during the Shoah. The commemoration will included presentations by the editors of and contributors to the Sefer Zikaron. Each member family of Ahavas Achim will receive one copy f the Sefer Zikaron at the conclusion of Shabbat. Additional copies will be available for purchase for \$10 each.

Please note: there will be no Seudah Shlishit in shul that Shabbat.

SHABBAT ERETZ YISRAEL

Ahavas Achim University presents Scholars-in Residence Rabbi Assaf and Leora Bednarsh. Join us on May 11 for a special Shabbat Eretz Yisrael celebrating the 76th anniversary of Israel's independence.

Schedule:

- 9:20 a.m. Early Minyan D'var Torah (Beit Midrash): Rabbi Assaf Bednarsh
- 9:45 a.m. Shiur (Downstairs Social Hall) Leora Bednarsh: Counting Your Blessings: Land, State and People of Israel in Birkat Hamazon
- 11:00 a.m. Drasha After Mussaf (Main Sanctuary) - Rabbi Assaf Bednarsh: Keeping Up Our Emunah in Difficult

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Times

• 12:15 p.m. Gala Shabbat Eretz Yisrael Luncheon featuring community, Zemirot, and Divrei Torah from Leora Bednarsh—by reservation only: \$20/adult, \$15/child 3-12. Please register at: https://

forms.gle/2cejgwg4ed2ku56ta

- **5:00 p.m.** Women's Shiur by Leora Bednarsh at the Miodownik home, 248 Lawrence Ave.: *The Purifying Power* of Mikvah
- 6:30 p.m. Celebrating Our Relationship with Eretz Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael: Shiur by Leora Bednarsh
- Simultaniously: My Heart is in the East: Connecting to Israel Through Prayer: Shiur by Rabbi Assaf Bednarsh followed by Halachic Q&A from the Battlefield
- 7:30 p.m. Mincha
- 7:50 p.m. Seudah Shlishit and panel discussion with Rabbi and Mrs. Bednarsh: Personal and Family Perspectives on Life in Israel Since Oct. 7
- 8:50 p.m. Maariv
- 8:54 p.m. Motzei Shabbat

Leora Bednarsh is a graduate of Drisha's Scholars' Circle and the Keren Ariel program for Yoatzot Halacha at Nishmat. She holds a B.A. in Psychology and Linguistics from Princeton University, and an MSW from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Prior to her aliyah in 2004, Leora taught Talmud and Halacha at the Yeshiva of Flatbush High School. Leora works as a Yoetzet Halacha on the Nishmat hotline and a kallah teacher, and teaches Talmud and Halacha at Shaalvim for Women, and Hadrachat Kallah at Yeshiva University's Midrashiyah women's learning program.

Rabbi Assaf Bednarsh received his semicha from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. He holds a B.A. from Princeton University and an M.A. in Jewish History from Yeshiva University. Prior to his aliyah 2004, he served as Maggid Shiur and Assistant Director of Yeshiva University's Graduate Program for Women in Advanced Talmudic Studies, and as a Rebbe in TMSTA—Yeshiva University High School. He currently holds the Ruth Buchbinder Mitzner Chair in Talmud and Jewish Law at Yeshiva University's RIETS Kollel in

Jerusalem, and serves as halachic advisor for the Nishmat hotline.

Rabbi Assaf and Leora live in Alon Shevut with their seven children.

This special shabbat is sponsored by the **Schwarzberg** and **Frankel** families in memory of **Ephraim and Vivian Frankel** z"l.

THE SIMCHA KIDDUSH IS BACK!

We will be celebrating as a community on **Shabbat June 1.** Acknowledge any important milestones, accomplishments, honors, graduations, anniversaries or births at this very special AA event. Last year we were able to have a beautiful hot meat kiddush. With your enthusiastic participation, we can do so again this year!

Donations:

Nachat: \$75Kvell: \$50Simcha: \$25

Share unlimited number of smachot that will be displayed at the kiddush. Deadline to submit is **Monday**, **May 20**. For more information, contact **Keren** at **keavery04@gmail.com** or **Emily** at **embshap@hotmail.com**.

MISHNAH YOMIT

Log in on Zoom. At each 12-15 minute session, two Mishnayot are taught by a rotation of AA members. We are now studying **Seder Nashim** (Masechet Nazir).

Pesach Schedule:

- Motzei Shabbat, 4/20: 10:15 p.m.
- Sunday, 4/21: 9:15 p.m.
- Monday/Tuesday, 4/22-23: No session
- Wednesday, 4/24: 10:15 p.m.
- Thursday, 4/25: 9:15 p.m.
- Friday, 4/26: No session
- Motzei Shabbat, 4/27: 10:15 p.m.
- Sunday/Monday, 4/28-29: No session
- Tuesday, 4/30: 10:15 p.m.
- Wednesday/Thursday, 5/1-2: 9:15 p.m.
- Friday, 5/3: No session

Zoom link:

- https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/86296212963?
 pwd=aEt1aVNERDZ4akpxekdZZEZ4 b2N5dz09
- Meeting ID: 862 9621 2963
- Passcode: Mishnah

YAHRZEITS

4/20	Dr. Miriam Oles	Father
4/21	Avi Maza	Mother
4/22	Hanina Hanoch	Father
	Justin Hornstein	Mother
	Debbie Israel	Father
	Deborah Lewitter	Father
	Linda Pittinsky	Father
	Claire Taubenblat	Mother
4/23	Shlomo Peleg	Father
4/24	Dr. Jerald Blum	Mother

Call-in Numbers:

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9:15 p.m. Mishnah Yomit via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86296212963? pwd=aEt1aVNERDZ4akpxekdZZEZ4b2N 5dz09

MONDAY

8:30 p.m. Teshuva of the Month Club (Will resume in May)

<u>TUESDAY</u>

8:30 a.m. Retirees Kollel: Parsha Gems with Rabbi Moshe Goldberger (in person and via telephone: **605-313-5890** code: **399719#**) (Will resume in May)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Women's Shiur with Rabbi Miodownik: Sefer Tehillim (Will resume in May)

8:00 p.m. Wednesday Nights in the Beis (Will resume in May)

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Retirees Kollel: Gemara Chulin with Rabbi Miodownik (Will resume in May)

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SHABBAT

8:40 a.m. Rambam Shiur with Elisha Russ-Fishbane

50 Minutes before Mincha: Daf Yomi with Judah Abraham

SHUL SECURITY AWARENESS EXTENDS PAST OUR BUILDING

On Friday April 5th SCN reported: "In response to Israel's Foreign Ministry placing Israeli foreign missions around the world on high alert due to potential attacks against Jewish targets by the Islamic Republic of Iran and its terrorist proxies, ADL (the Anti-Defamation League) and the Secure Community Network (SCN) today urged the American Jewish community to expand its vigilance and preparation to prevent attacks."

In that spirit, we remind all shul members and visitors of the importance of the "See Something, Say Something" approach and urge you to apply this imperative both within our facility and on your walk to and from shul.

The value of your saying something, to shul leaders and/or to the HPPD directly, is much higher when you say it immediately, while the police can see and investigate the person in question.

- First, make detailed mental notes of what you saw. Think about the location including street names.
 Details about what you found suspicious—since police will have lots of questions for you.
- Second, memorize as much as possible about the person or people approximate height, weight, age, hair, clothing, and everything noteworthy about them including their behavior.
- If the suspicious person(s) are or may be using a vehicle, memorize its license plate and everything unique about it.

If you're near a synagogue or facility that's open, tell their security, or walk to the HP Police Department if it's Shabbat. Be clear, immediately, that you saw a possible security situation.

In our shul, please share your security observations or concerns with the rabbi, the shul president, Hank Strub, Kevin Leff, Gabi Grunstein or Harry Glazer.



MEALTRAIN

Meals are needed for Marnie Kean and son, Sammy, through Pesach. Cooking for 2 (except for 4 people for the Sedarim). Please note Marnie's kitchen is already Kosher for Pesach. Please sign up on the mealtrain: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8rv2k5?

Delivery after **4:00 p.m.** to: **33 Redcliffe Ave.** Directions: Take Redcliffe all the way down to the first circle with trees in the middle. Park by the dumpsters. Take sidewalk to right of dumpsters to third private door on right #33 duplex apartment.

In addition, if anyone is interested in helping Marnie as a mother's helper for her son, Sammy, please call **Julia Jaman** at 917-847-0171.

KIDDUSH OPTIONS AT AA!

Do you have something to celebrate or commemorate? There are many different dairy and meat possibilities for your sponsored kiddush. In order to make a kiddush, contact Rachel in the office at secretary@ahavasachim.org or 732-247-0532, and she will secure a date for you. Please call Elena Orgel at 732-259-9078 to sponsor a Sisterhood/dairy kiddush or contact Emily Menasha at 732-236-1082 or aakiddush@gmail.com to sponsor a hot meat kiddush.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

PAPERCUT ART CLASS

Join the Ahavas Achim Sisterhood for a Papercut Art Class with Dena Levie on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs Social Hall. Cost: \$40; RSVP to secretary@ahavasachim.org and pay at the door.

KIDDUSH REMINDER

Shabbat, April 20: *Gary Gonzales, Gizella Gottesman, Cynthia Greenberg, Michelle Green. Avi and Tobina Grin*

Shabbat, April 27: Pesach: No kiddush in Shul.

Shabbat, May 4: Malka Grinkorn, David and Penny Grunspan, Gabi and Sarah Grunstein, Peri Horowitz

Shabbat, May 11: Robert and Sara Haarburger, Scott and Samantha Haarburger, Joshua and Tova Halpern

BOOK CLUB

The next AA book club will take place on Wednesday, May 22 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Elena Orgel, 19 Brookfall Road, Edison. The book we will be reading is America for Beginners by Leah Franqui. We look forward to seeing you there.

YOUTH NEWS

TEEN KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

If you'd like to sponsor Teen Kiddush, email Kivi at: aayouth100@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RPRY CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

RPRY PLUS is excited to host a **Pre-Pesach Car Wash** with **Trax Car Wash** (17 State Rt 18)! If you are getting your car washed for Pesach, please consider getting it done at **Trax**! They will be generously donating back to RPRY PLUS for every interior, exterior, full detailing service and "the works" package purchased.

In order for your purchase to be counted towards the donation, please mention **RPRY** at the time of your booking and payment. Please also sign the sign-in-sheet next to the register. Please share pictures of your clean cars with RPRY and tag them @rpryplus on social media!

SHNAINU SHIDDUCH GROUP

Shnainu Shidduch Group of Edison & Highland Park is a volunteer Shidduch group that works to assist Orthodox Jewish singles, of all ages and hashkafot. They would like to get to know you. Please reach out to them via email so they can set up an appointment. For more information or to submit your profile, please email: shidduchedisonhp@gmail.com.

HASHGACHAH PRATIT MOVEMENT

ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) is initiating a "Hashgachah Pratit—Divine Providence Movement" to help everyone effectively handle and grow from the many challenges that we all face. Visit: https://www.actt613.org/topics-h-j for more information and to join the movement.

NORPAC 2024: IN-PERSON MISSION

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event which brings close to a thousand citizen activists to Washington, DC, in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship with Members of Congress. Join them on Wednesday, May 15, as they travel Washington, D.C. On a single-day trip, you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff and share your concerns with them about foreign aid to Israel, Iran, security cooperation, and more. Help make a difference once again!

Buses will leave for Washington D.C. from our area at 6:30 a.m. and return between 9:00-10:00 p.m. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided. Register at www.norpac.net or call 201-788-5133. Cost: Adults: \$220; Full-time students: \$135 (must be over 12; those under 18 must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian). For more information, please contact Milton Erdfarb at milton.erdfarb@gmail.com.

NAMES, NOT NUMBERS®

RPRY cordially invites you to Names, Not Numbers®: A Movie in the Making on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. Come to pay tribute to the following survivors who were interviewed: Lois Flamholz, Chaya Gurkov, Erika Leviant, Ruth Millman, Helen Rubin and Milan Schwartz. Please help commemorate the 10th anniversary of Names, Not Numbers® by sponsoring this special program in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please visit: https://www.rpry.org/support-rpry/names-not-numbers.

Or dedicate a tribute to loved ones whose lives were uprooted by the Holocaust with a plaque surrounding RPRY Tree of Life by visiting: https://www.rpry.org/support-rpry/tree-of-life. This is a beautiful, vibrant canvas painting by Yael Harris Resnick, an award-winning American-Israeli artist, that is mounted in the front of the RPRY Beit Midrash and serves as a standing tribute to our community's Holocaust survivors.

KITTEL GEMACH AVAILABLE

If you—or someone you know—needs to borrow a kittel, please call **Jeff or Lee Ann Schein** at **732-545-9353**. Four sizes available. **Kittel Gemach** is in memory of **Lazar Lipman ben Chaim Yitzhak z"l.**

COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM

A community Yom Hashoah program will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 8:00 p.m. at Ohr Torah. Featured speaker: Dr. Shay Pilnik, Director Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Yeshiva University.

NCSY GOES TO SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE

NCSY will be providing bussing for teens to Six Flags Great Adventure from Highland Park on Thursday, April 25. Cost: \$89 (includes a Theme Park ticket and bussing to and from park.) Please visit: ncsygreatadventure.com for more information. Please register at: new.ncsy.org/events/488101/register.

TOMCHEI SHABBOS

Tomchei Shabbos needs your help! In recent weeks, there has been a significant increase in the number of families seeking assistance from Tomchei Shabbos. With Pesach quickly approaching, they need your help to ensure that Tomchei Shabbos can continue to provide the vital support that these families in our community depend on. Please visit: http://www.tomcheimc.org to donate.

RPRY ANNUAL DINNER

Please join RPRY for their Annual Dinner 2024 celebrating Jewish heroes: past, present and future. They are honoring, Rachel and Imre Lefkovits z"l, Moshe and Susan Wiesel, Sandy Getraer '07, Liana Maza '15. They are also recognizing 10 years of Names Not Numbers at RPRY and its leadership: Nitza Adler, Chaya Friedmann, Penny Kaplan and Rabbi Nachman Lapa. A portion of this year's dinner contributions can be designated to the newly created Rachel and Imre Lefkovits A"H Fund for Names Not Numbers and Israel Programming. Register at www.rpry.org/dinner.

CHAVERIM

Chaverim of Middlesex County is a volunteer nonprofit organization committed to helping community members in their time of need. Members respond to all non-medical emergencies including automotive help (e.g., flat tire, dead battery, locked car) and house emergencies. Their phone number is 732-844-3577.

BIKUR CHOLIM SENIOR HOMEBOUND VISITATION

They are looking for more volunteers and more seniors to visit. Please call **Cindy Baruch** at **908-309-8818** to become a part of this wonderful mitzvah and to volunteer.

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Rabbi Emeritus Ronald L. Schwarzberg

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