



Ahavath Achim Synagogue

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The Rabbi's Message

A big thank you to Goldie Liverant, Bernie Park and Arlene Snyder for all the work they have done to bring our newsletter back. It is an exciting way to start the new year and to keep all of us informed on what is happening at our synagogue.

I am grateful to our past president, James Seger for leading our synagogue for the past 18 years through very difficult times. My congratulations to our new president, Jack Herman. I am thrilled to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors, Deanie Wysor as vice president and Arlene Snyder as secretary. They are very active members. I am sure they will help to bring great new energy to our synagogue.

In a time when many synagogues are closing or merging in Connecticut we are working hard to reenergize our congregation and our Jewish community. Please help us with your suggestions and with your involvement. We hope that you will participate in our services and programs. Please help spread the word about our synagogue and our events. Everyone is welcome at Ahavath Achim. We must stay positive about our future and work to make this an outstanding religious and cultural community.

I am thrilled to once again have our Cantor, Lori Weber, with us for the High Holidays. Lori brings such great energy to our Services.

Hebrew School and Sunday School are starting up again and we are planning some exciting new programs. I am proud to announce additions to our adult education programs. I will be teaching a course on how to read from the Torah starting on Sunday, September 9, at 10:00AM. We hope this will enable more members of our congregation to participate in our services and Torah reading.

Among the events we are planning this year is a celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of our Synagogue's Talmud class which has thrived for thirteen years.

I want to wish you and your families a Happy New Year. May you and your families be written and sealed in the Book of Life. Shanah tovah.

Rabbi Ken Alter

A Message From Our New President

The annual meeting of the Ahavath Achim Synagogue was held on Sunday, June 24, Thank you to all who attended. We were very happy to see you. For those who were unable to attend below is your 2018-2019 Board of Directors:

Jack Herman, President	Harvey Feldman	Steven Schuster
Deanie Wysor, 1st VP	Dean Festa	James Seger
Elliot Flom, 2nd VP	Karen Gambolati	Eileen Sposato
Michael Greenwald, Treasurer	David Geligoff	Dina Zuckerman
Arlene Snyder, Secretary	David Nair	

The Board of Directors will meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at the synagogue. I encourage all of you to attend as many meetings as you can. We need your participation. This is your synagogue. We want and need your input to be successful.

On Sunday, October 14, 2018, we will have our annual Chicken Bar-B-Que fundraiser. Please support this event by volunteering and purchasing a delicious chicken dinner.

We received more than a 40% return from the survey on the synagogue sent to you in April. Since that time, many of us have been involved in putting those ideas into motion. We are working on developing a good communications system within our synagogue and for outreach into our community. This is the inaugural issue of our newsletter for our congregation. We are planning more religious and social events for you and for our community. Many of these events will be listed in the 2018-2019 synagogue calendar. Your Board of Directors and the Ritual Committee will be working together to implement your ideas.

If you have ideas, questions, need assistance about any synagogue matter, please contact me, a board member or the Rabbi.

I hope that all of you are having a pleasant summer and that I will see you at our board meetings and at our Friday night or Saturday morning services.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the High Holidays. I am pleased that Cantor Lori Weber will be with us again this year to assist Rabbi Alter. As we enter into the Jewish year 5779, I wish all a happy and healthy New Year and a time of peace and renewed energy for our synagogue.

Jack



Yiddishe Humor

Sadie and Bertha met in a store. It had been a long time since they had seen each other. Sadie asked, "Vie alt zahnen die eynklacht?" (How old are your grandchildren?) Bertha replied: "The doctor is six and the lawyer is eight."

The Israeli crew racing team had a disastrous record...they could not win a meet. Although they practiced on the river for three hours every day, they just were having no success. So the coach was sent to the United States, to Cambridge MA and was instructed to observe the successful Harvard rowing team, to see what they were doing differently. He spent a day watching, then flew back home to report. "I found out what is wrong. They also have an eight man crew, but at Harvard seven men are rowing and only one is shouting."



Two Jewish mice met "So how are your boys doing?" asked the first one. "Wonderful!" came the reply, "One is in cancer research, and the other is in psychological testing."



Did You Know.....

Ahavath Achim had, for many years, become interwoven in the life of Colchester. Our activities drew many non-Jews into the shul for programs such as speakers, art auctions, chicken barbeques, and Purim festivals, with games for all children. As a mark of respect, our former neighbor---the famed Colchester Bakery, which was owned by a Ukranian couple, Mary and Walter Gadle, closed down every Yom Kippur. They did not want their bakery traffic to interfere with the congregants as they came into the driveway. In fact, a donation to the synagogue was given in memory of Mary Gadle. The plaque with her name on it can be found in the sanctuary.

Hebrew School 2018-2019 - Deanie Wysor

Welcome back to all our Hebrew school students! We are going to have a great school year filled with lots of fun and learning. We will start the year with apples and honey and learn all about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our students learn about the Torah portions weekly by each reading parts of our sedra scenes; learning in a fun and interactive way. Whether your class is learning the Friday night or the Saturday morning service, our dedicated teachers are preparing the students for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. We are excited about all the upcoming Holiday Programs, including, Tu B'shvat, Passover, Hanukkah and Purim. We are also excited to meet our new Israeli emissaries to share and strengthen our connection to Israel.

Adults, too, will be able to stay and learn as well! How to read from the Torah and the meaning behind the sabbath prayers.

We have something for everyone on Sundays. Programs for students and adults, guitar lessons, Alef/Bet Yoga, book clubs and Bagel Minyans. We look forward to seeing you there.

Deanie

Recipe For a Sweet New Year

APPLE CAKE

4 Eggs
2 Cups + 2 Tbsps. Sugar
1 Cup Oil
2 Cups Flour
4 Tsp. Baking Powder
1/2 Tsp. Salt
4 Tsp. + 1Tsp. Cinnamon
2 Tsp. Vanilla
6 Apples, Pared & Sliced
1 Cup chopped nuts

Beat together eggs, 2 cups sugar and oil. Sift and add the flour, baking powder, salt and 4 teaspoons cinnamon. Add vanilla and beat. Stir in apples and nuts. Pour into a 9"x13" pan. Sprinkle top with 2 tablespoons sugar and 1teaspoon cinnamon. Bake at 350 for 50-60 minutes.

Thank You

Roz Schuster, for sponsoring this year's return of the synagogue's newsletter.

Mazel Tov

David and Beth Nair on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ariel

Congratulations

Rabbi Alter completed his studies to become a Tai Chi Master Instructor

Condolences

Marcia Stollman on the passing of her brother, Kevin Sohn

News from the Board Room:

The Synagogue's Food Rules have been amended to allow Kosher Style Dairy foods in the Social Hall. All ingredients must be kosher. The food must be brought into the synagogue on a new paper, plastic, foil or glass plate/container. The food is not allowed in either kitchen. All left overs must be removed from the synagogue after the event.

GREAT NEWS

High Holidays - All Welcome this year - No Tickets. Your synagogue Board of Directors voted at the Thursday, July 19, 2018 Board meeting to replace the policy of purchasing tickets for the high holidays. Donations to the synagogue would be appreciated. Under the new policy, all are welcome to attend services without charge. There will be a donation form available for those wishing to make a donation to the synagogue. Please spread the word. We would love to have a full house for High Holiday services. Shane Tovah.

SYNAGOGUE CALENDARS for 5779, 2018-2019 are ready. All members receive a calendar. If you placed an ad, your calendar will be in an envelope with your name on it and it will be set out for you to pick up during the High Holidays. Otherwise, pick up your calendar from Helen in the office. Non-members may purchase calendars for \$18. Checks should be made out to Congregation Ahavath Achim.

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Shanah tovah

Spread the word - as we usher in the new year 5779, we are excited to be starting a new newsletter for our congregation. This newsletter will keep us up on synagogue events, along with messages from our Rabbi, President and Hebrew School. Kvell with us. Share your mitzvahs, get wells and other important events so that they can be shared with our congregation. Look for Yiddishe recipes and jokes in every edition. Submit items to Helen at secretary@congregationahavathachim.org.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 9, 6:00PM - Reception for Cantor Lori Weber in the Social Hall

High Holiday Services - Rabbi Ken Alter and Cantor Lori Weber, officiating

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sunday, Sept. 9, 7:00PM

1st Day Rosh Hashanah - Monday, Sept. 10, 8:30AM

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah - Tuesday, Sept 11, 8:30AM

Kol Nidre - Yom Kippur - Tuesday, Sept. 18, 6:00PM

Yom Kippur - Wednesday, Sept. 18, 8:30AM, followed by a Yizkor Memorial Service

Yom Kippur - Wednesday, Sept. 18, Mincha service, 5:00PM,

Break the fast meal immediately following the Mincha service

September 29 -30, Sukkot

Join us after Yom Kippur Mincha service to **Break The Fast**. Enjoy a kosher dairy meal to begin the new year. For food planning purposes, please contact Helen in office, 860-537-2809, to let her know that you will be attending.

In the next issue:

- There will be an update on the survey - what has been accomplished, what is underway and ways you can help.
- More on the Chicken Bar-B-Que
- News on the second Annual Artisan and Craft Fair - Sunday, November 4, 2018