

15 & 16 TISHREI | SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2026

יום שבת קודש
סוכות
THE HOLY SHABBAT/SUKKOT

FRIDAY EVENING

CANDLE LIGHTING	6:30 PM
MINCHA	6:35 PM
SHKIA	6:48 PM
TZAIT HAKOCHAVIM	7:28 PM

SATURDAY

HASHKAMA	7:40 AM
SHACHARIT	8:45 AM
LAST KRIAT SHEMA	9:48 AM
MINCHA	6:20 PM
SHKIA	6:47 PM
MAARIV/HAVDALAH	7:15 PM
CANDLE LIGHTING	>7:32 PM

SUNDAY

HASHKAMA	7:40 AM
SHACHARIT	8:45 AM
LAST KRIAT SHEMA	9:48 AM
MINCHA	6:30 PM
SHKIA	6:45 PM
MAARIV/HAVDALAH	7:30 PM

KIDDUSH - 2ND DAY OF SUKKOT

Kiddush is sponsored by the Winchester family on the Yahrtzeit of Steve's mother Helen Winchester^{רע}, Miriam Hendl bas Shimon.

SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH

To become a Platinum sponsor (\$180), Gold Sponsor (\$118) or a general sponsor (\$54), please email Steve at seplotnick@gmail.com. We also need donations of single malt Scotch. Sponsor list is on page 3.

SUKKAH HOP

Sukkah hop on the 1st Day (rain date is 2nd day) will be as follows: (1) Mayer Sukkah: 4:05 - 4:35 PM, (2) Goldberg Sukkah: 4:50 - 5:20 PM, (3) Jacob Sukkah: 5:35 - 6:05 PM, & (4) Mincha at shul 6:20 PM.

KIDS SUKKAH HOP

Kids Sukkah hop on Monday, 1st day of Chol Hamoed: (1) Kaplowitz-Czinn, 4:20 PM - 5:00 PM; (2) Wigod Sukkah (Dinner Stop), 5:10 PM - 5:50 PM; & (3) Shul Playground, 6:00 - 6:30 PM.

**MAZEL TOV**

Mazel tov Mazel tov to Tova & Ben Kohane on the birth of a baby boy.

יגדלוהו לתורה ולחופה ולמעשים טובים ויכניסוהו לבריתו בזמנו ובעתו
May they raise him to Torah, chuppah and good deeds, and may he be entered into the covenant of Abraham.

TODAH RABAH

Thank you to our Sukkah builders: Adam Brooks, Avi Cohen, Benji Cooper, Aaron Czinn, Elliot Greene, Yuval Haddad, and Boris Mihailevsky.

SUNDAY
9/27MONDAY
9/28TUESDAY
9/29WEDNESDAY
9/30THURSDAY
10/1FRIDAY
10/2**WEEKDAY MINYANIM AT AHAVAT ACHIM**

SHACHARIT
2ND SHACHARIT MINYON -
YISHTABACH AT 7:40 AM
MINCHA/MAARIV



6:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM
7:10 AM	7:10 AM	7:10 AM	7:10 AM	7:00 AM*
6:31 PM	6:30 PM	6:28 PM	6:26 PM	6:20 PM

*** IN THE SOCIAL HALL****ZMANIM**

Earliest Talit	5:54 AM	5:55 AM	5:56 AM	5:57 AM	5:58 AM
Gedolah	1:16 PM	1:16 PM	1:16 PM	1:15 PM	1:15 PM
Shkia	6:43 PM	6:42 PM	6:40 PM	6:38 PM	
Tzait	7:23 PM	7:22 PM	7:20 PM	7:18 PM	

Rabbi Ely Shestack

President Jay Herman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 26 - Sukkah hop.

Oct. 5 through 16 - Etrog Composting with GrowTorah

Oct. 11 - Sukkah dismantling after Shacharit.

Nov. 1 - Chesed Day.

IN OUR FUTURE - KIDDUSH, SEUDAH SHLISHIT, & ETC.



Sept. 27 - Kiddush is sponsored by the Winchester family on the Yahrzeit of Steve's mother Helen Winchester ^{ע"ה}, Miriam Hendl bas Shimon.

Oct. 10 - Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by Betsy & Marty Sonnenblick on the Yahrzeit of Betsy's father, חיים יהודה בן ירמיהו, Howard Perlmutter ^{ע"ה}.

Oct. 17 - Birthday Kiddush.

Oct. 17 - Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by David & Lori Garfunkel in memory of both Jonathan ^{ע"ה} and Lori's mother רחל ברוניא בת דוד, Tootsie Markovitz ^{ע"ה}.

Oct. 24 - Kiddush is sponsored by Lori & David Garfunkel celebrating Uri's Auf Ruf and upcoming wedding to Abby Elson.

Nov. 7 - Birthday Kiddush.

Dec. 5 - Birthday Kiddush.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH



To add a birthday/anniversary to upcoming lists (next Kiddush on Shabbat, October 17), click here: [SIMCHA](#). Listings/sponsorships are \$36 per family per month. RSVP for the October birthday/anniversary Kiddush by Sun. night, Oct. 11.

BOARD MEETINGS - 8:30 PM

- **October 13**
- **Nov. 24, Dec. 29, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 30, May 11, June 29**

SHIURIM



- PESHAT OF THE PARSHA, Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, click here: [Parsha](#).
- TORAH FOR YOUR COMMUTE, via Whatsapp, with 3-minute daily Halacha insights. To join email Rabbi Shestack at rabbishestack@gmail.com.
- POST-HASHKAMA SHIUR, analyzing Mishlei (Proverbs).
- FUNDAMENTALS OF JEWISH THOUGHT, after Kiddush.
- SHABBAT SHIUR, **SANHEDRIN CH. 1**, 40 minutes prior to mincha.
- TZURBA M'RABANAN w/ Zack Doberman, Wednesdays at 8:30 PM. In-person at the shul and via Zoom.
- SEDER ON THE SIDDUR, at Seudah Shlishit.
- BEGINNER CLASS ON HOW TO READ HEBREW, Monday nights, 8:45 PM, at the shul. To sign up, click here: [Hebrew](#).



GITA COOPERWASSER ^{ע"ה} YOUTH EVENTS

Sept. 28 - Youth Sukkah Hop, with dinner at the last stop, 4:15 PM.

Oct. 3 - Simchat Torah Farewell to Sukkah & Kinderkafot.

Nov. 14 - Parent/Child Learning.

Dec. 5 - Chanukah program with children's seudah shlishit, followed by musical havdalah.

Dec. 19 - Parent/Child Learning.

Jan. 2 - Parent/Child Learning.

GITA COOPERWASSER ^{ע"ה} SHABBAT YOUTH INFO



- **SHABBAT/SUKKOT YOUTH LEADERS:**
3RD-5TH: SOPHIA & ZOE
K-2ND: ARNELLA & BELANA
2 YRS-PRE-K: DANIELLE, PERRI & ISABELLA
- **SUKKOT 2ND DAY YOUTH LEADERS:**
3RD-5TH: ARIELYS & ZOE
K-2ND: ALICIA & ABBY
2 YRS-PRE-K: DIAMOND, JELANNY & MAYA
- Youth groups for 3rd through 5th Graders starts at 8:45 AM (Drop Off) in the Youth Room on left on entering the social hall.
- Youth group for children 4 years old through 1st Grade starts at 9:00 AM (Drop Off) in the Youth Room on the right upon entering the social hall.
- Parent & Me, 9:00 AM in the Beit Midrash.
- Rabbi Meet & Greet, Friday night, kids can come over to the Rabbi after davening to receive a cup of grape juice and a ticket!
- Children earn tickets for coming to minyan (Friday night and/or Shabbat day), asking the rabbi questions or attending parent-child learning programs! Tickets can be redeemed for prizes.
- HIATUS UNTIL FALL - Children's corner at Seudah Shlishit, 1st to 5th graders will get 10 Torah questions in 10 minutes from Rabbi Shestack, with special snacks, tickets and more.

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SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH

We can't pull off the Simchat Torah Kiddush without you! To become a Platinum Sponsor (\$180), Gold Sponsor (\$118) or a General Sponsor (\$54), please email Steve at seplotnick@gmail.com. We also need donations of single malt Scotch. Sponsors to date: **PLATINUM (\$180)**: Garfunkel, Mayer, Plotnick & Winchester; **GOLD (\$118)**: N/A; and **GENERAL (\$54)**: Eisman, Goldstein, Greene, Halpern, Oppenheim, Sokoloff & S. Wigod.



DAVID SCHWITZER ד"ר SOCIAL HALL

Contact Lori at garfmom@gmail.com to book the David Schwitzer ד"ר Social Hall for an event or occasion. \$250 (members), \$325 (Associates), or \$400 paid in advance for non-members, plus the cost of clean up (and a \$150 refundable security/cleaning deposit). Private caterers must be approved by the Rabbi.

CHESED TEAM

If you or someone you know needs assistance, email us at chesed@ahavatachim.org.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Memorialize a loved one with a plaque, \$300 for members/\$450 for nonmembers. We will strive to send you written notice of upcoming yahrzeit and announce name during public Yizkor. Email Amy at yahrzeit@ahavatachim.org to arrange.

DONATE A SEFER, ETC.

Donate Siddurim & Machzorim (\$40), and Chumashim (\$60). Contact David at dmgarfunkel@gmail.com for details.

MISHEBAYRACH

For a Mishebayrach pledge to give Tzedakah on behalf of those for whom you asked Hashem's blessing, when you send a check please indicate in the memo section what it is for.

HONORARIA

The available Honoraria list will be provided upon request by contacting Steven Plotnick at seplotnick@gmail.com.

SINGLES SHIDDUCH GROUP

Reach out to Rabbi Shestack or Sara Levine (saralevine06@gmail.com) if interested.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships opportunities for Yahrzeits, Refuahs, and Hodahs (thanks), are available for regular shiurim, youth events and similar activities (but not for established honorariums or sponsorship funded events). Cost of sponsorship (shiur or youth event) is \$100 per sponsor. Multiple sponsors for an event will be accepted. Sponsorships will be listed in the bulletin and announced at the event (and, if possible, a placard with the sponsorship will be prepared and displayed at the event).

Sponsorships do not include any extra amenities (such as food). Please contact Steve Plotnick for questions or clarifications.

MEN'S CLUB

Email MensClub@AhavatAchim.Org to join the Men's Club.

PREPARATION FOR SUKKOT

A man who is exempt from living in the Succah is not exempt from building a Succah.

One should purchase a fine set of the Four Species:

- Etrog — The Etrog should be free of holes, thin blister-like protrusions or discoloration. Be sure that the Etrog is not the product of grafted branches.
- Lulav — The central leaf that emanates from the spine, whose end is the highest point of the Lulav, must be whole (not split or clipped), straight and green. Minimum length of Lulav's spine is four handbreadths (ד' טפחים).
- Haddasim — Take three stems of Haddasim, majority of each covered with groups of three leaves from the same rung. Each stem should be at least three handbreadths (ג' טפחים) long. Most leaves should be intact.
- Arovot — We take two Arovot, each reddish in color, whose leaves are long and smooth (not jagged) at the edges. Each stem should be at least three handbreadths (ג' טפחים) long. Most of the leaves should be intact.

Bind the Lulav, Haddasim, and Arovot together. Haddasim to the right of the Lulav and Arovot to the left of the Lulav when the back of the spine is facing the person holding the Lulav. Make two (some make three) additional rings out of the leaves of the Lulav and place them on the Lulav higher than the Haddasim and Arovot.

ערב סוכות - EREV SUKKOT

We bathe (many immerse in a Mikveh), and make preparations for Yom Tov. Candles are lit in the Succah and the Brachot "להדליק נר של יום טוב" and "שהחיינו" are said.

סוכות - SUKKOT

We say אושפיין in the Succah. Don't make Kiddush for Yom Tov on the first two nights before the appearance of three small stars. On the first two nights one must eat in the Succah even if one suffers distress as a consequence of being in the Succah, or if it rains, one should eat at least an olive's size (כזית) of bread in the Succah (but without the Bracha "לישב בסוכה" if it is raining). On other nights, and during the days, if you suffer distress from rain or from any physical condition or malady you are exempt from staying in the Succah. All seven days of Succot one should eat, drink, and spend free time in the Succah. Snacks, such as a quantity of bread up to the size of an egg, or fruit of any quantity, need not be eaten in the Succah. One who strives to do all of his eating and drinking in the Succah will be rewarded, especially if all of his meals with family and friends are eaten in a Succah. In cold climates, one is exempt from sleeping in the Succah. One who does not make Kiddush should make the Bracha "לישב בסוכה" after "המוציא", and intend that this Bracha apply to all of his activities in the Succah until the next meal. The Bracha over the Four Species is: "וצונו על נטילת לולב..." and on the first day, שהחיינו. The Brachot are made with the Etrog held with the pitum facing down so that the Mitzvah is first performed in its proper manner after the Bracha, when the Etrog is held correctly (pitum facing up). Hold the Etrog in the left hand, and the Lulav with the other species in the right hand, with the back of the Lulav's spine facing the holder. When the Four Species are held properly, they are shaken three times back and forth in front of the person, three times to his right, behind him, to his left, above, and downward.

חול המועד - CHOL HAMOED

If you forgot יובא and remember before מודים, say it before מודים, but if you began מודים return to the beginning of רצה. If one steps backward after Shemonei Esrei [or even on saying "יהי לרצון אמרי פי" before moving your feet], repeat Shemonei Esrei. If you omitted יובא in Birkat Hamazon and remember after concluding the 3rd Bracha ("בונה ירושלים"), but did not begin the 4th Bracha ("הא-ל אבינו") say the compensatory Bracha: "אשר נתן...". If you began the 4th Bracha, on Yom Tov begin again because of the omission of יובא, but on Chol HaMoed you do not have to repeat Birkat HaMazon if you forgot יובא. According to Nusach Sefard & Vilna Gaon, Tefillin is not worn during Chol HaMoed. If you wear Tefillin do so without Brachot (some say the Brachot inaudibly).

AHAVAT ACHIM MEMBERSHIP/ HOSPITALITY

Email Sara at membership@ahavatachim.org for membership details or Shabbat hospitality.

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Various life cycle events related to members are announced in the bulletin (e.g., births and weddings of children/grandchildren, bar/bat mitzvahs of children, deaths requiring shiva observance, as well as travel to/from Israel to study). Other personal announcements are not appropriate except as part of the bulletin's dedication (\$36 cost - \$54 with photo).

NUMBERS & INFO

ERUV: To subscribe for updates, email fairlawneruv@groups.io. Check status at <https://groups.io/g/fairlawneruv> or call 201-254-9190.

MIKVAH: 201-796-0350. At Shomrei Torah. Go to <http://www.fairlawnmikvah.org/> for online booking.

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INSTAGRAM: www.instagram.com/ahavatachim/

FLICKR: flickr.com/photos/ahavatachim/albums

BULLETIN DEDICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SHUL CALENDAR

Email seplotnick@gmail.com for an announcement of a simcha, refuah or life cycle event in the bulletin or to dedicate a bulletin for \$36 (\$54 w/Photo).

COMMUNITY SECURITY SERVICE

To become part of our community security service, email Margo at security@ahavatachim.org.



SUKKOT

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PRE-CHAG HAPPENINGS



Kohelet Round Robin
September 19th
After Mincha



Arba Minim Sale
September 20th
9:00am - 11:00am



Sukkah Assembly
September 20th
9:00am



Donuts & Decorating (Youth)
September 20th
10:00am - 11:00am

SHUL-WIDE SUKKAH HOP

September 26th

Stop 1: Mayer Sukkah
4:05pm - 4:35pm

Stop 2: Goldberg Sukkah
4:50pm - 5:20pm

Stop 3: Jacob Sukkah
5:35pm - 6:05pm

Followed by
6:20pm Mincha at Shul

YOUTH SUKKAH HOP

September 28th

Stop 1: Kaplowitz-Czinn Sukkah
4:20pm - 5:00pm

Stop 2: Wigod Sukkah
(dinner stop!)
5:10pm - 5:50pm

Shul Playground
6:00pm - 6:30pm

Youth Sukkah Hop

Monday, September 28th
4:20-6:30 PM



Kaplowitz-Czinn Home
4:20-5 PM



Head to stop 2 for dinner!
5-5:10 PM



Wigod Home
(dinner stop!)
5:10-5:50 PM



Head to stop 3!
5:50-6 PM



Shul Playground
6-6:30 PM



Chag Sukkot
Sameach!

RSVP [here](#) by 9/23 to obtain
the location details!



Etrog Composting with GrowTorah!

Are you wondering what to do with your etrog after Sukkot? Instead of letting it go to waste, join GrowTorah's Community Etrog Composting Program!

This initiative is a beautiful way to return your etrog to the earth, enriching our GrowTorah gardens' soil and fostering new growth.

Last Day for Drop Off: Friday, October 16th



For more information about Etrog
Composting and Bal Tashchit:
www.growtorah.org/etrog



Register Your
Etrog Here

