

The Bulletin is sponsored by the Mayer family to commemorate the yahrzeit of Richie's father, Shlomo Ben Mordechai (Steven Mayer^{ע"ה}), and the Lerner family to commemorate the yahrzeit of Vivian's father, Chaim Tzvi Ben Menachem Mendel^{ע"ה}.



Do not bring dairy candies for the children on Simchat Torah morning as the kiddush consists of meat products and maintaining the Kashrut becomes difficult. **Please be mindful** that some of our children have food allergies (peanuts, etc.), and act accordingly.

22 & 23 TISHREI | OCTOBER 3-4, 2026

SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH

Thank you to all our sponsors and those that contributed Scotch. Sponsors list is on page 3.

CHILDREN HAKAFOT & FAREWELL TO SUKKAH



Kids of all ages are invited to join us for the 26th annual Children's Hakafot and Farewell to Sukkah Program at 5:15 PM, followed by time on the playground, an interactive Simchat Torah program, and dinner! Please RSVP by Thursday 10/1! \$8/child, \$15 max/family. Dairy and pareve dinner options will be available. Register here: Leviathan.

ATAH HARAYTA AUCTION

On Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret, after Mincha, we will have our annual auction off "אתה הראת", Chatan Torah, Chatan Breishit, and "כל הנערים".



FROM THE RABBI

Women's Simchat Torah shiur after hakafot at approx. 10:30 AM.

TAKING DOWN THE SUKKAH



Volunteers will be needed to take down the Shul's Succah on Saturday night, Oct. 10, shortly after Maariv, weather permitting.

ETROG COMPOSTING DROP-OFF DEADLINE

Collection box will be available on the lobby from October 5 to 16. For more info, click here: [Etrog Composting Drop-Off](#).



SUNDAY
10/4

MONDAY
10/5

TUESDAY
10/6

WEDNESDAY
10/7

THURSDAY
10/8

FRIDAY
10/9

WEEKDAY MINYANIM AT AHAVAT ACHIM

SHACHARIT	6:15 AM	6:25 AM	6:25 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM
2ND SHACHARIT MINYON - YISHTABACH AT 7:40 AM	7:25 AM	7:25 AM	7:25 AM	7:25 AM	7:25 AM
MINCHA/MAARIV	6:20 PM	6:18 PM	6:16 PM	6:15 PM	6:10 PM
Earliest Talit	6:01 AM	6:02 AM	6:03 AM	6:04 AM	6:05 AM
Gedolah	1:13 PM	1:13 PM	1:13 PM	1:12 PM	1:12 PM
Shkia	6:32 PM	6:30 PM	6:28 PM	6:27 PM	
Tzait	7:12 PM	7:10 PM	7:08 PM	7:07 PM	



Rabbi Ely Shestack

President Jay Herman

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



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

Oct. 17 - Birthday Kiddush.

Oct. 17 - Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by David & Lori Garfunkel in memory of both Jonathan ז"ל and Lori's mother רחל ברוניא ז"ל, Tootsie Markovitz ז"ל.

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 ז"ל YOUTH EVENTS

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 ז"ל SHABBAT YOUTH INFO



• SHABBAT/SHEMINI ATZERET YOUTH LEADERS:

3RD-5TH: SOPHIA & JELANNY

K-2ND: ARIELYS & MAYA

2 YRS-PRE-K: PERRI & ISABELLA

• SIMCHAT TORAH YOUTH LEADERS:

3RD-5TH: LETIZIA & RIHANNA

K-2ND: ARIELYS & MAYA

2 YRS-PRE-K: JELANNY & SOPHIA

- 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 8:45 AM (Drop Off) in the Youth Room on the right upon entering the social hall.
- Parent & Me, 8:45 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

Thank you to our sponsors:

PLATINUM (\$180): Anonymous, A. Cohen, Garfunkel, Goldberg, Mayer, Plotnick, Rozenfeld, Schwed, Schwitzer, Sufian & Winchester.

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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.

YAHRTZEIT 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.

הושענא רבה/ערב שמיני עצרת HOSHANA RABBAH/EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

Many extra prayers are added to the service on Hoshana Rabba as the judgment concerning the fate of our water supply is finalized, and the conclusion of any period of judgement is our last chance to influence the Divine Judgement. When we get to "תענה אמונים" during Hashanos we put the Four Species down and we take the special Aravot of Hoshana Rabba (the custom is to take five stems that are bound together) into our hands (anything that invalidates the Arovot of the Four Species during Succot invalidates these Arovot on Hoshana Rabba); at the end of the Hoshanos we beat the Arovot against the floor five times according to custom. As with every Erev Yom Tov, we bathe (many immerse in a Mikveh), and make preparations in honor of Yom Tov. It is customary for candles to be lit in the Succah with Brachot "להדליק נר של יום" and "שהחיינו".

שמיני עצרת - SHEMINI ATZERET

It is customary to make the Yom Tov Kiddush, with שהחיינו, in the Succah; however, we do not make the Bracha "לישב בסוכה", and we eat in the Succah both the night and day of Shemini Atzeret, again, without making the Bracha "לישב בסוכה". During Yizkor, we make pledges to Tzedakah as a means of elevating the souls of the departed. The Shammash announces "משיב הרוח ומוריד" before the congregation begins the silent Shemonah Esrei of Mussaf, so that the congregation will add it in their silent Shemonah Esrei. From then, if one forgot to say "משיב הרוח" but remembered before he began "אתה קדוש" then he may say "משיב הרוח" there; if not he must begin the Shemonah Esrei again. During the repetition, תפילת גשם (Geshem).

שמחת תורה - SIMCHAT TORAH

Prior to Maariv we auction "אתה הראת" and other honors of Simchat Torah such as Chatan Torah, Chatan Breishit & כל הנערים. Remember that one should refrain from wanton foolishness and levity, but rather one should engage only in celebration that is for the sake of Heaven.

DISPOSAL OF LULAV & ETROG

You may dispose of a Lulav in any way that is not degrading. For example, you may drop it into a field or put it on a lawn, unless animals might eat it or step on it or if it will be subject to poor treatment before it decays. Don't dispose of a lulav or etrog directly into the garbage. Burn, bury, or wrap them in a bag or one layer of plastic and then you may throw it into normal garbage.

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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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.



Ahavat Achim Invites you to a
SIMCHAT TORAH

AHAVAT ACHIM
קהלת אהבת אחים
THE FAMILY SHUL

**Farewell to Sukkah
&
Kinderkafot**



**SHABBAT OCTOBER 3RD
@ 5:15 PM
MEETING IN THE
SYLVIA LATKIN A"H SUKKAH**

**FOLLOWED BY TIME ON THE
PLAYGROUND & AN
INTERACTIVE PROGRAM
FOR ALL AGES WITH DINNER
AND HAKAFOT**

RSVP here BY 10/1





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



SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH

SCHEDULE

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- 6:18 PM** Candle Lighting
6:20 PM Mincha
7:17 PM Tzeit HaKochvim/Earliest time for Kiddush

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OCT

- 7:40 AM** Hashkama
~8:45 AM Hashkama Yizkor
8:45 AM Shacharit (Youth Groups Open)
~10:15 AM Yizkor
5:15 PM Sukkah Farewell (youth)
*followed by playground time, an interactive program,
dinner and children's hakafot*
5:55 PM Mincha
followed by Ata Hareita Auction
7:15 PM Maariv
followed by hakafot
>7:20 PM Candle Lighting

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OCT

- 8:45 AM** Shacharit (Youth Groups Open)
9:45 AM Quick Kiddush
10:00 AM Hakafot
~10:45 AM Women's Shiur / Men's Individual Aliyot
11:15 AM Kol HaNearim, Chatanim, and Musaf
followed by kiddush luncheon
6:15 PM Mincha
6:30 PM Neilat HaChag (kumzitz and high holiday recap)
7:18 PM Maariv/Havdalah