

NEWSLETTER

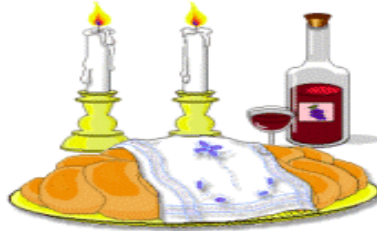
Congregation Sons of Israel

Established 1909

Park and Spring Streets

P.O. Box 702

Peabody, Massachusetts 01960



Traditions

FRIDAY NIGHT SABBATH SERVICE

May 7, 2004 @7:30 P.M.

The Service will be led by Cantor Susanne Katchco,

Assisted by Avrom Herbster

Cantor Katchco will deliver a D'var Torah

***The Oneg will be sponsored
by:***

**Joseph and Rita Flicop
In honor of their grandson
Michael Abelson's
Bar Mitzvah!**



SATURDAY MINYANS-----Start at 8:00 A.M.

SUNDAY MINYANS-----Start at 8:30 A.M.

Time to Kindle Sabbath Candles for May 2004

May 6th -----7:33 p.m.
May 14th -----7:40 p.m.
May 21st -----7:47 p.m.
May 28th -----7:53 p.m.

CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL MAY 2004

Happenings:

Saturday-May 1, 2004----

Kiddush sponsored by Bebe Karelitz and Ina Lee and Gerald Shulman In memory of Jay Karelitz and Chazon Ish



Saturday-May 8, 2004----

Kiddush Sponsored by Gerald Goldberg and Anita Solov In memory of their daughter Stacy



Saturday-May 15, 2004----

Kiddush Sponsored by Melvin Wolfe In honor of Freda Kravetz's Birthday!!

Saturday-May 22, 2004----

Kiddush Sponsored by Paula Chandler In honor of her husband Harvey Chandler's Birthday!!



Saturday-May 29, 2004----

Kiddush Sponsored by: Barbara and Ruth Sigel In memory of their mother, Mary's Birthday



Shavuot is an important Festival, one of three Festivals celebrated by making pilgrimage to Jerusalem, yet it doesn't get as much attention as the other two - Passover and Sukkos. But on Shavuot, we observe the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, both Written and Oral. You can't get much more momentous than that. Shavuot completes the counting of the Omer - the 50th day - from Passover to Shavuot we count in remembrance of our ancestors bringing an "omer", or specific measure of barley, to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem as a harvest offering. We have a festive meal of blintzes and dairy dishes on Shavuot, partly to link us to Israel, the "land of milk and honey." We also decorate our homes and synagogues with greenery to remind us of the green around Mt. Sinai, and we read the Book of Ruth.

Lag (for Lamed Gimel) B'Omer the 33rd day of the Omer, occurs this year on May 9th. This gives us a break from the solemn period of the Omer. It is said that a plague that had decimated Rabbi Akiba's students in ancient days stopped on Lag B'Omer. Traditionally, there are celebrations, especially for children who play with bows and arrows to commemorate the "rainbow" that G-d showed to Noah as a sign of the Covenant that G-d would keep with the Jewish People.

May our days of "counting" be filled with times of introspection and meaning. On Shavuot may we rededicate ourselves to the study of Torah and the performance of good deeds.

Avrom Herbst

Ritual Committee Chair

Schedule of Shavuot Services

- Tuesday, May 25, 2004 - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 26, 2004 - 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 27, 2004 - 8:00 a.m.

Yizkor will be recited.

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Celebrating with you the gift of Torah...

HAPPY SHAVVOT !

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As you know, our dues and seating costs are among the lowest charged by religious institutions on the North Shore. They are kept so low in order to be within the reach of every Jewish family. We are therefore dependent to a great extent on voluntary contributions by our members.

Contributions may be given in a number of ways, for example; dedicate a prayer book, a donation to the General Fund or the Trust Fund.

Remember that your donations are important. Keep them coming. Whichever fund you choose to support, will keep our Shul healthy and vibrant for years to come.

**Thank you
Harvey Chandler
President**



ATTENTION ALL CONGREGANTS!!!

We encourage you to attend Saturday and Sunday Services. We would like to see our old and new Congregants. It would be a Mitzvah! "Your constant Faith in our Shul will help us grow!"



**From: Harvey Chandler
Chairperson--Social Committee**

To: All Congregants!

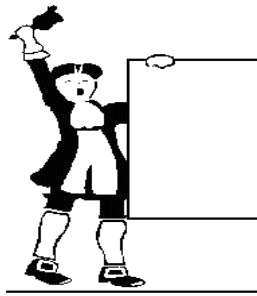


**CELEBRATE YOUR SIMCHAS, MITZVAHS AND
BLESSINGS WITH AN ONEG ON FRIDAY NIGHT
OR A KIDDUSH ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY
MORNING AT OUR SHUL!**

**What a wonderful way to let us share in your joy
and do a good deed at the same time!**

**Your dedicated Social Committee (Paula Chandler,
Stephen and Leslie Greenberg, Milton and Rhoda
Kellerman, Freda Kravetz, Barbara and Ruth Sigel,
Melvin Wolfe,) will do all the work in preparing and
serving. For more information, call me, Harvey at 1-
781-598-8855. I look forward to hearing from you
soon!**





ATTENTION CONGREGANTS!!

We need sponsors for the following Sabbath Kiddushes:

June 12, 2004

June 19, 2004

Please contact Harvey Chandler at 1 -781-598-8855

May there always be work for your hands to do.

May your purse always hold a coin or two.

May the sun always shine on your windowpane.

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

May G-D fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



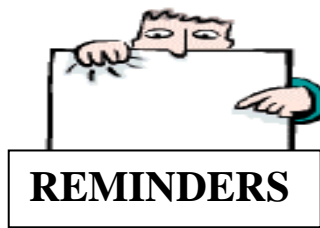
**WE WILL HAVE EXTRA PARKING FOR THE MAY 7, 2004
FRIDAY SABBATH SERVICE AT THE ELKS PARKING LOT!**



**HAPPY 56TH BIRTHDAY TO ISRAEL! INDEPENDENCE DAY – "YOM
HA'ATZMAUT"**

5 IYAR - APRIL 26, 2004

LET US PRAY FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.



The Shul is sending Get Well cards and Sympathy cards to our Congregants. Please call Rhoda Kellerman at 1-978-535-0102, to inform her of any illness or condolences.

To all our Congregants, when making a donation please write reason, and specify on your check and envelope whether it is designated for the General Fund or Trust Fund! Mail to Congregation Sons of Israel- P.O. Box 702-Peabody, MA 01960

**ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS!! DATE CHANGE!!
SUNDAY-May 2, 2004-SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 8:30 A.M.
BOARD MEETING TO FOLLOW!!**



DEDICATE A PRAYER BOOK

We just purchased 25 New Hertz Chumash Prayer Books. You can dedicate a book for a \$25.00 donation. We will prepare a beautiful inscribed label and insert it into a book in memory or in honor of a loved one or a happy event. Send request and donation to: Congregation Sons of Israel- P.O. Box 702-Peabody, MA 01960

GRANDCHILD

**A grandchild brings sunshine to brighten your days
A grandchild brings joy through their loving ways
A grandchild is a blessing that comes from above
A Special and Beautiful treasure to love.**

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Avrom Herbster
Stephen and Leslie Greenberg

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Congregation Sons of Israel

USE OF KITCHEN AND SOCIAL HALL



We would like to remind our members that the *M. Irving Herbster Social Hall* is available at a nominal fee for celebrating your simchas.

The hall can accommodate up to 80 people comfortably, and now has a wonderful audio system and air conditioning

Our kitchen is equipped with a new commercial oven, microwave oven and a large refrigerator. The kitchen can be used only for DAIRY.

To schedule your function, the Social Committee Chairperson, *Harvey Chandler*, will arrange the details with you to make your affair a success. Call Harvey at 781-598-8855.

The following are gifts received **March 1, 2004 to March 31, 2004** designated to the Congregation's General Fund or the Trust Fund. These gifts may be given to honor the memory of a loved one or friend, to observe a yahrtzeit, to acknowledge a "simcha", or for any reason. The Shul very much appreciates these donations. They are needed, and they help to sustain the Shul. Send all gifts to Congregation Sons of Israel, Box 702, Peabody, MA 01960, and note the designated fund on the check and envelope

General Fund

In memory of mother Ethel Barrell
From: Edward Barrell

In memory of sister Ida Barrell
From: Edward Barrell

In memory of Morris Levine
From: Shirley Levine

In memory of mother Etta
Talkowsky
From Max S. Talkowsky

In memory of father Bernard
Marron
From: Joel and Mary Marron

In memory of Kathleen Gordon
From: Mr. And Mrs. P. Olans

In memory of mother Esther Katz
From: George Katz

In memory of mother Ida Tanzer
From: Philip Tanzer

In memory of husband Harry David
Drooker
From: Rose Drooker

In memory of mother Tillie
Sogoloff
From: Steven Sogoloff

In memory of mother Ida Shnirman
From: Anne Strauss

In memory of mother Sara Lerner
From: Barry Lerner

In memory of step-mother Gertrude
Karafin
From: Judith Alpert

In memory of brother Maurice R.
Piltch
From: Silvia Piltch

General Fund

In memory of Franklin Silver
From: Nr. And Mrs. E. Rodman

In memory of father Elliott Miller
From: Marlon Cohen

In memory of Falco De Nardo
From: Anne Barrosin

In memory of mother Goldie Erlich
From: Marcia Myers

In memory of mother Alice
Weitzman
In memory of father Hyman
Weitzman
From: Linda Harris

In memory of Mary Sigel
From: Mr. And Mrs. E. Lischinsky

In memory of Bernard Ullian
From: Mr. And Mrs. P. Olans

In memory of father Louis Spector
From: Mr. And Mrs. L Levitan

In honor of 50th anniversary of
Philip & Selma Mickelman
From: Sylvia Snyder

In honor of birthday of Sarah
Bernstein
From: Mr. And Mrs. R. Katcher

Edward Edelstein Memorial Trust Fund

In memory of sister Gertrude
Goodell
From: Florence & Bill Spatrack

In thanks for a get well prayer
From: Lillian Bornstein

In memory of husband Allan
From: Freda Kravetz

In memory of wife Dorothy
From: Melvin Wolfe

In honor of Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan
Vitt
From: Harvey & Paula Chandler

In memory of father Maurice
Margolskie
In memory of mother Sarah
Margolskie
In memory of sister Anne Bornstein
In memory of brother Arthur
Spatrick
From: William & Florence Spatrack

**Please note that April 2004 donations
will be included in next month's
newsletter!**