

NEWSLETTER
Congregation Sons of Israel

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FRIDAY NIGHT SABBATH SERVICE

April 8, 2005 @7:30 P.M.
(2nd Friday)

A Special Occasion! We will be observing the Bat Mitzvah of Charlene Swain, daughter of Steven and Lisa Swain, and grand-daughter Of Arlene Rosen. Mazel Tov! The service will be led by Seth Landau.

The Oneg is sponsored by Arlene Rosen. All are Invited !



YOU ARE NEEDED AT THE MINYANS. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND AT LEAST A MINYAN. IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD AND IT WILL SUPPORT THE SHUL!

SATURDAY MINYANS-----Start at 8:00 A.M.
SUNDAY MINYANS-----Start at 8:30 A.M.

Time to Kindle Sabbath Candles for April 2005

April	1 st	-----	5:51 p.m.
April	8 th	-----	6:59 p.m.
April	15 th	-----	7:07 p.m.
April	22 nd	-----	7:15 p.m.
April	29 th	-----	7:23 p.m.



CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL APRIL 2005 HAPPENINGS!

Everyone is Invited to Help Celebrate these Rituals & Social Events!!

Saturday-April 2, 2005---- No Kiddush!
The Synagogue extends Mazel Tov to Eli Kaufman, son of Aimee Bunin and Robert Kaufman, who will observe his Bar Mitzvah. Service led by Ellen Winokur.



Saturday-April 9, 2005----
Kiddush Sponsored by:
Irving Bacherman
In memory of his aunt and uncle Raymond and Florence Bacherman



Saturday-April 16, 2005----
Kiddush Sponsored by:
Geri Dermer
In honor of her great-grandson Tyler Jon Kipnis' first birthday!



Saturday-April 23, 2005----
Kiddush sponsored by:
No Kiddush!
Passover!



Saturday-April 30, 2005----
Kiddush sponsored by:
No Kiddush!
Passover



What a Wonderful Way to let us Share in your Joy and do a Good Deed at the same time! Celebrate your Simchas, Mitzvahs and Blessings with an Oneg on Friday night or a Kiddush on Saturday or Sunday morning at our Shul! Your dedicated Social Committee will do all the work in preparing and serving. For more information call Ruth or Barbara Sigel, at 1-978-536-2018. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



PASSOVER SCHEDULE FOR 2005

Seders will take place on Saturday night April 24th and Sunday night April 24th. There will be no Services at the Synagogue on those evenings. Services will be as follows:

1st Day - Sunday, April 24th at 8:30 a.m.

2nd Day - Monday April 25th at 8:00 a.m.

7th Day - Ma'ariv - Friday April 29th at 7:30 p.m.

7th Day - Shacharis - Saturday April 30th at 8:00 a.m. and 8th Day Ma'ariv at 7:30 p.m.

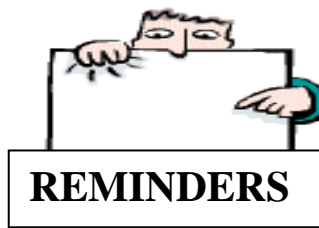
8th Day - Shacharis - Sunday May 1st at 8:30 a.m. Yizkor will be recited.

Please support the Synagogue by coming to one or more of these services.

Mechiras Chometz - Selling Your Chometz

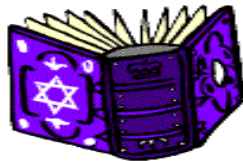
If you wish to sell your Chometz in the traditional manner, please call Avrom Herbster at 978-531-4288 by April 17th 2004, as the proper arrangements must be made before Passover. It is customary to give a small amount of money to complete the contract, which will be forwarded to a Rabbi to complete the transaction. Selling your Chometz is a mitzvah, whether or not you keep a Kosher home.





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



DEDICATE A PRAYER BOOK

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, Attention: Leslie Greenberg

SHUL ENTERS CYBERAGE!!

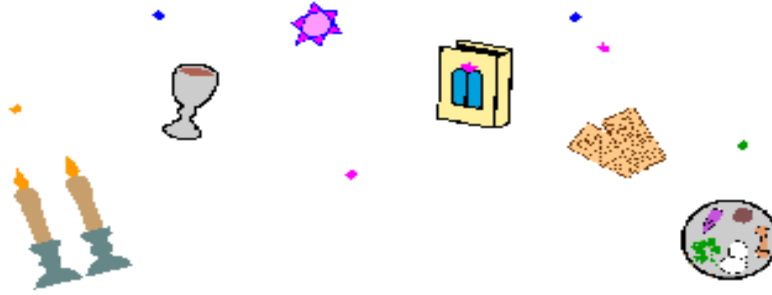


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**Leslie Greenberg and Ruth Sigel
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Stephen and Leslie Greenberg
Ruth Sigel**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Congregants,

I have to admit that my yearly calendar revolves around two major events and they both have religious significance. One is the High Holidays and the other is Pesach. I mean no disrespect to my family and friends regarding birthdays and anniversaries, but both holidays work their way into my brain several months before they even arrive.

For my role in each holiday, I have to prepare myself several months in advance both physically and mentally and then I deal with the actual holidays. It's a marathon. The High Holidays are a ten-day span that culminates with fasting and a request for a healthy, prosperous and peaceful year. For Pesach it's a week of cleaning, shopping and cooking then two Seders. The holiday ends six days after that. After both holidays I feel like I need a vacation, but for some reason, I look forward to them both. For some reason at the conclusion it's rewarding.

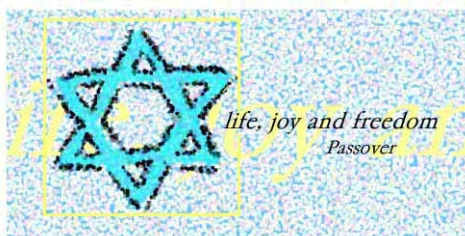
I often ask myself why I (and my family) put ourselves through it. Every year after each of these holidays I come up with a different answer. Although I haven't experienced Pesach this year yet, I already have a feeling.

This year I have an appreciation for my family and friends. Some family members and friends became ill and are fighting for their lives. Some have passed away and others have just picked up and left.

During this year's Seder, I won't get upset when people ask when are we going to start? I won't get upset when they ask when are we going to eat? I won't get upset if some have to leave early before we say grace after meals. What I will do is give them all a hug when they come in and when they leave and I'll say that I really appreciate that they could come and share the holiday with us. This year I'll mean it from the bottom of my heart. And I hope somewhere in between all the hugs and eating, we'll get to talk a little about the story of the Exodus from Egypt and all the great miracles and wonders, and how lucky we are to be here.

How will your Pesach be spent this year?

On behalf of my family and Congregation Sons of Israel, I wish you all a happy, healthy holiday.



Bernie Horowitz

President

The following are gifts received **February 1, 2005 to February 28, 2005** 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

Wish for a speedy recovery to good health for brother-in-law
Dr. Leo Hockman
From: Paula & Harvey Chandler

In memory of mother Ida Helen
Tack
From: Barbara and Norman Mirsky

In memory of mother Pearl
Anapolsky
From: David Anapolsky

In memory of mother Ida Tanzer
From: Philip Tanzer

In memory of father Norman
Hershfield
From: Alan Hershfield

In memory of husband Manny
Gaman
From: Gladys Gaman

In memory of Elliot Gelin
From: Sally and Len Koor

In memory of mother Sarah
Margolskee
In memory of father Maurice
Margolskee
From: Florence Spatrick

In memory of brother Arthur
Spatrick
In memory of sister Anne Bornstein
From: William Spatrick

In memory of father Louis Spector
From: Lawrence & Thelma Levitan

In memory of her mother
From: Deanna Wolk

General Fund

In memory of mother Goldie Erlich
From: Marcia & Harvey Myers

In memory of mother Ida Shurman
From: Anne B. Strauss

In memory of brother Maurice Roy
Piltch
From: Sylvia Piltch

Donation to Shul
From: Maris Bergeron Prost

In honor of their grand-daughter
Jessica Strasnick, being admitted to
the Mass. Bar Association
From: Ryna and Ed Rodman

Prayer Books

In loving memory of sister Florence
Gelin
From: Lillian Aronson

In honor of their 50th wedding
anniversary
From: Joseph and Rita Flicop

In honor of Marvin and Ilene
Dorfman's 33rd Wedding
Anniversary
From: Estee Dorfman Foster and
Craig Foster

Edward Edelstein Memorial Trust Fund

In memory of Frances Dillon,
mother of Norma Rubin
From: Sumner and Bea Greenberg

In memory of Elliot Gelin
From: Sumner and Bea Greenberg

In memory of father Isadore
Kellerman
From: Milton and Rhoda Kellerman

In memory of grandfather Isadore
Kellerman
From: Barbara and Ruth Sigel

In memory of mother Ethel Barrell
In memory of mother Rose
Chandler
From: Harvey and Paula Chandler

In memory of mother Ethel Barrell
From: Ruth Barrell

In memory of father Alex Bosman
In memory of sister Lillian
Goldstein
From: Geraldine Dermer

In honor of their friendship with
Linda Rose
From: Barbara and Ruth Sigel

Best thoughts and wishes for Linda
Rose
From: Sumner and Bea Greenberg

**Please note that March 2005
donations will be included in next
month's newsletter!**

PASSOVER THOUGHTS

Passover occurs later this year, because of the addition of the month of Adar II in this leap year. Even though it is late, doesn't it seem as if it is still Winter? As I write this in mid-March the mounds of snow and ice, although shrinking, are still high, and it is hard to accept that it will soon be Passover. Yet, we know, that even though it was a hard Winter, just the passage of days will bring Spring warmth and renewal. Passover is a special time of cleaning our souls as well as our kitchens. It is a good Jewish mid-year time to assess just how we are doing with our New Year's prayers and aspirations.

We celebrate the Exodus. That wonderful time when our Jewish ancestors became free of bondage, and left Egypt to become a People. The Exodus was necessary as a precursor for our receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai. We received all the laws and ethical concepts that gave the Jewish People a unique perspective on humanity. If it were not for the Exodus, there would have been no Jewish people and no Judaism. So, we are truly observing and celebrating what can be said to have been the most important event in Jewish History.

All the rituals, from eating Matzah to the precise Order of the Seder, and the telling of the Hagaddah cause us to remember that "we were once slaves in Egypt." The rituals of Passover heighten our experience, and make us realize how special it is to be free human beings, and, especially free to practice and celebrate our faith.

May this Passover be one filled with rich meaning - with good food, with the love of family and the companionship of friends. And may we once again realize the importance of freedom, and the beauty of Judaism.

Avram J. Herbster
Ritual Director

Happy Passover

