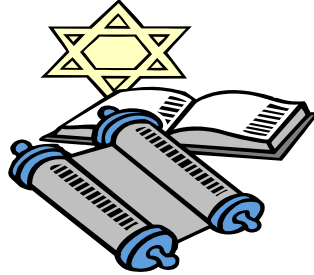


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FRIDAY NIGHT SABBATH SERVICE

February 3, 2006 @7:30 P.M.

The Service will be led by Aurom Herbster

SUBJECT: Yiddish Civilization

The Oneg will be sponsored by:
Irving and Irene Sacks
In Honor of their 58th Wedding
Anniversary!



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

Time to Kindle Sabbath Candles for February 2006



February 3rd -----4:42 p.m.
February 10th -----4:51 p.m.
February 17th -----5:00 p.m.
February 24th -----5:19 p.m.

CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL FEBRUARY 2006 HAPPENINGS!
Everyone is Invited to Help Celebrate these Rituals & Social Events!!

Saturday-February 4, 2006----

Kiddush sponsored by:

Jerry Silver

In honor of his granddaughter

Eliana's 6th birthday!



Saturday-February 11, 2006----

Kiddush Sponsored by:

Stephen and Leslie Greenberg

In honor of son Jason Greenberg's

Birthday!



Saturday-February 18, 2006----

Kiddush Sponsored by:

Harvey and Paula Chandler

In honor of their Anniversary!



Saturday-February 25, 2006----

Kiddush sponsored by:

Lee Sacks

For the love of the Shul!



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!

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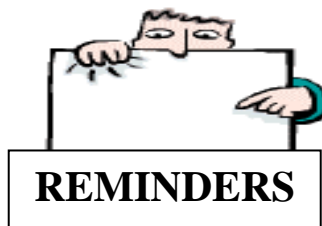
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The Shul is sending Get Well cards and Sympathy cards to our Congregants. Please call Rhoda Kellerman at 1-978-535-0102, to inform her of any illness or condolences.

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!!



Congregation Sons of I srael website www.peabodyshul.org is available for your enjoyment! Many thanks to our webmasters: Jeremy Zafran and Bruce Gatterman. Learn more about your Shul history, committees, view newsletters, pictures, and much more! If you would like to be on the E-mail list, please send your e-mail address to our Shul e-mail address: peabodyshul@yahoo.com

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**Leslie Greenberg and Ruth Sigel
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Committees for 2006

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BAR-BAT MITZVAH ANNIVERSARIES

Francine and Howard Cook

The President of the Congregation may attend and participate in any or all of the committees.

ATTENTION CONGREGANTS!!

GET INVOLVED! JOIN A COMMITTEE! WE NEED YOUR HELP! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT SHUL PRESIDENT SUMNER GREENBERG AT 978-535-1457.

The following are gifts received **December 1, 2005 to December 31, 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

Mazel Tov to Merrill & Avrom
Herbster on their marriage
From: Rubin and Natalie Silver

In memory of Estelle Beggelman
From: Peter Beggelman

In memory of Gil Rosenthal, father
of Phyllis Gluck
In memory of Judy Epstein, sister of
Bernie Horowitz
From: Paul and Rhoda Olans

In memory of mother Anna Bosman
From: Geri Dermer

In memory of parents Sophie and
Benjamin Weisman
In memory of grandparents of
Cheryl Goldstein
From: Sylvia Glassman

In memory of mother-in-law Fannie
Gaman
From: Gladys Gaman

In memory of mother Eva Dinkin
From: Richard Dinkin

In memory Judy Epstein, sister of
Bernie Horowitz
From: Dan Leavitt & Sally Francis
From: Frank & Ellen Chmara
From: Millie Bistrowitz

In memory of mother Mary Madow
From: Bernice Dame

In memory of sister Shirley Tanzer
Goldfarb
From: Philip Tanzer

In memory of father Ralph Harris
From: David Harris

In honor of Dan Leavitt being
elected Vice President of the Shul
From: Sally Francis

General Fund

In memory of father David Shatz
From: Richard and Miriam Swartz

Edward Edelstein Memorial Trust Fund

In memory of Peter Crivello
From: Steve & Leslie Greenberg

In memory of Gilbert Rosenthal –
father of Phyllis Gluck
From: Milton & Rhoda Kellerman
From: Sumner & Bea Greenberg
From: Ruth & Barbara Sigel

In gratitude for prayers and well
wishes extended to me during my
illness
From: Lillian Aronson

In memory of William Bistrowitz
From: Freda Kravetz & Melvin
Wolfe
From: Harvey & Paula Chandler

A wish for a speedy recovery to
good health for Irving Bacherman
From: Eliot & Karen Edelstein

In honor of son Richard Greenberg's
birthday
From: Steve & Leslie Greenberg

In memory of Harold Nathanson,
brother of Arlene Rosen
From: Geri Dermer

In loving memory of mother Mary
Sigel
From: Ruth & Barbara Sigel

In honor of Merrill's & my wedding.
We appreciate all the Shul has done,
especially providing a wonderful
place to celebrate our marriage
From: Avrom Herbster

Edward Edelstein Memorial Trust Fund

Get well wish for Lillian Aronson
From: Freda Kravetz & Melvin
Wolfe
From: Sheldon & Helen Caras

Get well wish for Irving Bacherman
From: Freda Kravetz & Melvin
Wolfe

In memory of Gilbert Rosenthal –
father of Phyllis Gluck
From: Freda Kravetz & Melvin
Wolfe
From: Paula & Harvey Chandler

In honor of wedding of Avrom and
Merrill Herbster
From: Philip & Muriel Mindis

In memory of father Bernie Pecker
From: Freda Kravetz

A wish for a speedy recovery to
good health for Irving Bacherman
From: Harvey & Paula Chandler
From: Sumner & Bea Greenberg

In memory of Judith Epstein, sister
of Bernie Horowitz
From: Steve & Leslie Greenberg
From: Harvey & Paula Chandler
From: Milton & Rhoda Kellerman
From: Sumner & Bea Greenberg
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Wolfe
From: Ruth & Barbara Sigel
From: Sherwin & Phyllis Gluck
From: Gerald Silver & Ronnie
Fisher
From: Eliot & Karen Edelstein

**Due to the many December
donations received, some will be
listed in next month's newsletter!**

**Please note that January 2006
donations will be included in next
month's newsletter! (6)**



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2005 Hanukkah party a big success. Special thank you to Bea Greenberg, Ruth Sigel, and Rosalyn Abrams for their help in obtaining door prizes. Thank you to Harvey Chandler and Milton Kellerman for their trip to Charlestown to purchase latkes and blintzes. Thank you to our brownie bakers: Barbara Sigel, Leslie Greenberg, Bea Greenberg, & Rhoda Olans. Thanks to Sumner Greenberg and Avrom Herbster for conducting a very successful auction. And of course, thank you to the social committee and anyone else who helped set up, helped in the kitchen, served, and cleaned up. We could not have done this without your help.

Below are the members of the Social Committee for 2006.

Barbara & Ruth Sigel – co-chairs	Milton & Rhoda Kellerman
Freda Kravetz & Mel Wolfe	Diane & Harvey Elefson
Bea & Sumner Greenberg	Leslie & Steve Greenberg
Phyllis & Sherwin Gluck	Margie Simon & Alan Rosenfield



To schedule Onegs and Kiddushes please call Barbara or Ruth Sigel at 978-536-2018. We are only too happy to help you make your event special.

ATTENTION CONGREGANTS! ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 5TH, THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE WILL HOST A MOVIE AND REFRESHMENTS AT THE SHUL. WATCH FOR MORE INFO IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER!

Ruth & Barbara Sigel
Social Committee Co-chairs



Tu B'Shevat

The 15th day of the month of Shevat marks the beginning of the "new year" for trees. Tu B'Shevat is the new year for the purpose of calculating the age of trees for tithing. The Torah states that fruit from trees which were grown in the land of Israel may not be eaten during the first three years; the fourth year's fruit is for G-d, and after that, the fruit can be eaten. Each tree is considered to have aged one year as of Tu B'Shevat, no matter when in the year it was planted.

But, besides the Biblical significance of the holiday, in modern days, it has become a festival to appreciate our "ecology." The wonders of nature are around us. The trees bloom in the Spring, flower in the Summer, and put on a show in the Fall. Now, they appear as lifeless sentinels with twisted branches, resting for the Winter, but looking beautiful with a fresh cover of snow. Tu B'Shevat reminds us of this cycle, and that it won't be that long until the Spring blossoms, once again, reappear.

In Judaism we appreciate nature in all its forms. For Tu B'Shevat some individuals celebrate a special Seder where different colored wine is served, and the varied fruits of Israel are eaten. It is especially fun to chew a piece of hard "bokser", or carob, one of the plentiful Israeli fruits. It is also customary to plant trees in Israel on this day.

This year, 5766, Tu B'Shevat begins on Sunday evening February 12th. We will discuss its significance and celebrate at the morning service on that Sunday.

Avrom J. Herbster
Ritual Director