

NEWSLETTER
Congregation Sons of Israel

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FRIDAY NIGHT SABBATH SERVICE

May 4, 2007 @7:30 P.M.

The Service will be led by Bernie Horowitz

Professor Joyce Antler will be our Guest Speaker.

The Oneg will be sponsored by:

Harold and Mae Blass
Honor of their 60th Anniversary!



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

Time to Kindle Sabbath Candles for May 2007

May 5th -----7:28 p.m.
May 12th -----7:36 p.m.
May 19th -----7:43 p.m.
May 26th -----7:50 p.m.



CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL MAY 2007 HAPPENINGS!

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

Saturday-May 5, 2007----

Kiddush Sponsored by:

Bernie and Anita Horowitz

In honor of their mother,

Marcia Hillman's Birthday!



Saturday-May 12, 2007----

Kiddush sponsored by:

Irving Sacks

In memory of Irene Sacks

(Irene's unveiling will be on Sunday,

May 20th at Maple Hill Cemetery in

Peabody)



Saturday-May 19, 2007----

Kiddush sponsored by:

Sherwin and Phyllis Gluck

In honor of their 26th Anniversary

and Phyllis' Birthday!



Saturday-May 26, 2007----

Kiddush sponsored by:

Harvey and Paula Chandler

In honor of Harvey's

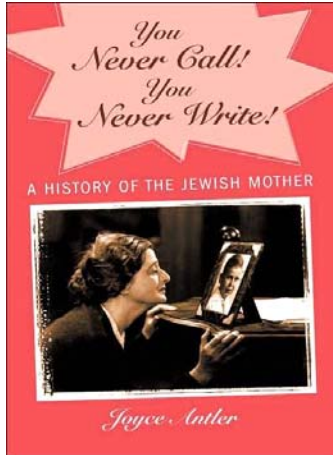
81st Birthday!



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 Harvey Chandler at 781-598-8855. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

SPEAKER SERIES!

Our Congregation Sons of Israel Vice-President Dan Leavitt and Speaker Series Committee Chair has booked Professor Joyce Antler of Brandeis for our May 4th Sabbath Services. We hope that Congregants will make an effort to attend!



In *You Never Call, You Never Write*, Joyce Antler provides an illuminating and often amusing history of one of the best-known figures in popular culture--the Jewish Mother. Whether drawn as self-sacrificing or manipulative, in countless films, novels, radio and television programs, stand-up comedy, and psychological and historical studies, she appears as a colossal figure, intensely involved in the lives of her children.

Antler traces the odyssey of this compelling personality through decades of American culture. She reminds us of a time when Jewish mothers were admired for their tenacity and nurturance. As she suggests, in many ways "we are all Jewish Mothers" today.

Joyce Antler

Joyce Antler is the Samuel Lane Professor of American Jewish History and Culture. She serves as the Undergraduate Advising Chair of the American Studies Department. Her Ph.D. is in U.S. history, and major fields of interest include women's history, Jewish women's history and culture, the history of education, and history as theater. She currently serves as the Co-director of the Spencer Program in Educational Research at Brandeis University. She is the author or editor of eight books, including most recently *The Journey Home: How Jewish Women Shaped Modern America* and *Talking Back: Images of Jewish Women in American Popular Culture*. Professor Antler is a founder of the Brandeis Women's Studies Program and the Graduate Consortium of Women Studies at Radcliffe College, and has served as the chair of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities.



Dear Fellow Congregants:

Avrom and I were married for less than a year when we experienced the shock of his diagnosis. Avrom was optimistic till the end that he would prevail but, unfortunately he did not, despite his courageous efforts to win the battle. I miss him very much.

So many of you have helped me cope at this difficult time. I have been overwhelmed by the tremendous outpouring of your cards, donations and condolences.

Please excuse me for being unable to send an individual thank you note to each and everyone but know that your expressions of grief are appreciated from the bottom of my heart.

Merrill Herbster



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,

SHUL in midst of CYBERAGE!!



Congregation Sons of Israel website www.peabodyshul.org is available for your enjoyment! Many thanks to our webmaster: Jeremy Zafran. Learn more about your Shul history, committees, view newsletters, new pictures just posted 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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Stephen and Leslie Greenberg
Bernie Horowitz
Joan Fine, Paul Ordman

Disclaimer: We are not responsible for typographical or other errors in our newsletter!!

When I took the entrance exam to Hebrew Teachers College for high school students at around age 13, a certain question on the exam still sticks out in my mind. It asked, "What are some of the different names for the holiday of Shavuoth?" I was stumped. The choices were unfamiliar to me. I knew the holiday as Shavuoth, the holiday after Passover and we counted the omer in between, but I didn't know it as anything else.

Shavuoth is known as Pentacost (fiftieth day) since we celebrate the holiday 50 days after the first day of Passover; it's known as the Feast of Weeks primarily as a Thanksgiving for the wheat harvest; it falls seven weeks after the barley harvest, when an omer of the new produce was offered; it's known as the day of the first fruits, observed by offering the best ripe produce of the fields; it's known as the time of the giving of the Torah, the time when the Ten Commandments were given at Mount Sinai; it's called Atzereth in the Mishnah and Talmud as it serves as a concluding festival to Passover.

Today I would get that question right even though it's 40 years later!

In the course of time as a result of the transformation of the agricultural festivals, the holiday is now widely celebrated as the time of the giving of the Torah. It's customary to study Torah all night long in honor of the giving of the Torah.

Milk dishes are the customary foods, symbolizing the Torah that is likened to milk, according to the allegorical interpretation of the Song of Songs ("Honey and milk are under your tongue").

In honor and in celebration of the holiday of Shavuoth, Congregation Sons of Israel invites you to kick off the first night of the holiday on Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30pm in the M. Irving and Avrom J. Herbster social hall with a 'Blintzy Blitz' and other delicious dairy foods prepared by our hard working social committee. In addition we'll study some Torah, say a few prayers, sing a few songs and drink some wine.

Let's take this opportunity to celebrate and enjoy the holiday that G-d has given us.



Bernie Horowitz

Ritual Director

Schedule of Shavuoth Services

May 22, 2007, Erev Shavuoth, Tuesday evening, 6:30 pm, light dinner and discussion

May 23, 2007, Shavuoth, Wednesday morning, 8:00 am

May 24, 2007, Shavuoth, Thursday morning, 8:00 am, Yizkor will be recited

Log Bomer

- ♦ BBQ Food for purchase
- ♦ Moon bounce ♦ Music
- ♦ Kite flying Bring your own kite
- ♦ Pick up Softball game

Please bring your own gear

- ♦ Fun for the whole family

Location: Chabad of Peabody and the Kennedy Park 83 Pine St Peabody
Date, Sunday, May 6th 4:30pm
Please RSVP
www.jewishpeabody.com or call 978-977-9111

This event is co-sponsored by
Cong. Sons of Israel and Chabad of Peabody



Tzedakah Appeal for North Shore Children's Hospital

l-r--Helen and Larry Freedman, President Sumner Greenberg, handing a \$500 check to Erin Finnerty, Child Life Specialist and Dr. Edward Bailey, Chair of Pediatrics.



Last year, our Shul raised enough money to donate two activity carts and supplies to the North Shore Children's Hospital in Salem. These carts are used for inpatient and outpatient children and have a Congregation Sons of Israel plaque on each one. This project was spearheaded by Larry and Helen Freedman, co-chairs of the Charitable Committee. The Board of Directors voted to make this project an ongoing charity. We hope that with this year's contributions, we will be able to allow the hospital to purchase specific needed supplies.

Won't you help give "tzedakah" so that these children will have a chance at good health and growth? By all of us giving together as part of this Appeal, the Shul can make a meaningful contribution to this special cause. And by giving as a Shul, it will be our special way as a Jewish community to give to others in need. When we give, it is a Mitzvah, and our contributions will continue to help children of all ages recover quickly and have their hospital stay be a more pleasant one.

I pledge the following to the special Tzedakah Appeal for the North Shore Children's Hospital Activity Carts and Supplies.

\$10 18 25 36 Other \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Congregation Sons of Israel, P.O. Box 702, Peabody, MA 01960 and write "North Shore Children's Hospital." on the check. Thank You!

The following are gifts received **March 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007** 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 Ruth Herman
From: Dan Leavitt and Sally Francis
From: Harvey and Diane Elefson
From: Richard Herman

In memory of uncle Elias Schwartz
In memory of mother-in-law Celia Barosin
From: Anne Barosin

In memory of father Harry Drooker
From: Bernadine Reppucci

In memory of Harold and Mary Sumberg, parents of Diane Elefson
From: Harvey and Diane Elefson

In memory of my wonderful great father
From: Anita Rimer

In memory of beloved mother Mary Avram
From: Nancy Singer

In memory of husband Maurice Dame
In memory of step-father Abraham Madow
From: Bernice Dame

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

In memory of Abraham Ponn, loving husband, father and grandfather
From: Gloria Cohen

In memory of father Norman Hersfield
From: Allan F. Hershfield

In memory of husband Irving Dermer
In memory of daughter Rona E. Dermer
From: Geri Dermer

Donation
From: Shirley Levine

General Fund

In memory of father of Leslie Swartz
From: Edward and Ryna Rodman

In memory of stepmother, Gertrude Karafin
From: Judith Alpert

In memory of Alan Cohen, husband, father and grandfather
In memory of Philip Michaelman
From: Gloria Cohen

In honor of Marvin and Ilene Dorfman on their 35th wedding anniversary
From: Craig Foster and Estee Dorfman Foster

Prayer Books

In memory of mother Mary Avram
From: Jeanne Ginsberg

Edelstein Memorial Trust Fund

In loving memory of husband Allen Kravetz
From: Freda Kravetz

In loving memory of mother Belle Salhanick Green
From: Shelley Green

A wish for a speedy recovery to good health for Renee Brilliant
Happy birthday for Sherwin Gluck
From: Bea & Sumner Greenberg

In memory of Al Cohen, husband of Janet Cohen
In loving memory of Morton Titelbaum
From: Joel Greenberg

Edelstein Memorial Trust Fund

In loving memory of Avrom Herbster
From: Eliot & Karen Edelstein
From: Freda Kravetz
From: Milton & Rhoda Kellerman
From: Lillian Aronson
From: Harvey & Paula Chandler
From: Robert & Robin Sutherland
From: Owen & Melissa Folson
From: Sarah & Mellisa Folson
From: Emma & Jacob Sutherland
From: Ruth Barrell
From: Sheldon & Helen Caras
From: Bernice & Murray Edelstein
From: Barbara & Ruth Sigel
From: Phyllis & Sherwin Gluck
From: Bea & Sumner Greenberg
From: Geri Dermer
From: Joan & Zack Fine
From: Shelley Green
From: Stanley & Sandra Simon

In loving memory of sister Elinor Edelstein
From: Eliot & Karen Edelstein

In loving memory of father of Leslie Schwartz
From: Sandra Ring

In loving memory of wife Dorothy
From: Melvin Wolfe

In honor of Sumner Greenberg's birthday
From: Phyllis & Sherwin Gluck

In memory of the sister of Len Mulman
In memory of Al Cohen, husband of Janet Cohen
In loving memory of Morton Titelbaum
From: Sumner and Bea Greenberg

April donations will be included in next month's newsletter!

The following donations to the General Fund were given in memory of Avrom Herbster. The next part will be in the June Newsletter.

**DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF
AVROM HERBSTER**

From: Ellen and Joe Winokur
From: Jerry Silver and Ronnie Fisher
From: Miriam Levy
From: Steve and Elaine Sogoloff
From: Carol Gorevitz
From: Vera Burke
From: Nathan and Sally Kaitz
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From: Anne Barosin
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From: Gladys and Philip Gaman
From: Ronald Robinson
From: Scott Burson and Wendy Liebow
From: Judy and Steven Winer
From: Craig Foster and Estee Dorfman Foster
From: Zelda and Harold Kaplan
From: Sheila and Paul Horwitz
From: David, Essa and Rick Penglase
From: Eunice Shatz
From: The Ossoff Family
From: Steven Sidman
From: Gloria Cohen
From: Joanne and Jerry Pressman
From: Shepard and Judy Remis
From: Charlotte Gross
From: Philip and Muriel Mindis
From: Hy and Edith Lemack,

**DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF
AVROM HERBSTER**

From: Debbie Woloshen Cohen
From: Richie and Janet Schwartz
From: The Sidman Family:
Max Sidman
Roseanne Karp
Steven and Brenda Sidman
Peter Sidman
From: Richard and Paula Pierce
From: Phyllis Vitale
From: Arlene Rosen
From: Lucy Reyes and Michael McLaughlin
From: Russell and Marion Bowden
From: Fran and Jordy Baker
From: National Labor Relations Board Union Local 1
From: Jeffrey Hirsch
From: Sandra Sullaway Gibbons and Family
From: Larry and Temi Levitan
From: Dan Leavitt and Sally Francis
From: Millie Bistrowitz
From: Karen and Neal Imber
From: Steven Gaman and Van M. Luu
From: Mrs. Morris (Kitty) Kimmel and daughter Deborah Kimmel
From: Roberta and Harold Rosenthal
From: Richard and Christine Jocelyn
From: Elizabeth and David Levenson
From: Arnold and Barbara Green
From: Bill and Arlyne Rosenberg
From: Shirley Levine

**DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF
AVROM HERBSTER**

From: Adele Bernstein
From: Melanie Shipon
From: Dr. Leon Remis
From: Richard and Susan Berkman
From: Elliot and Doris Hershoff
From: Jordan and Esta Trieber
From: Dr. Fred and Honey Shmase
From: Isabelle Blaustein
From: Melissa and Darren Aizanman
From: Cynthia Walmsley Mencis
From: Michael and Arlyne Greenstein

From: Richard Herman

Prayer Books

From: Sumner and Bea Greenberg
From: Marvin and Ilene Dorfman
From: Ronnie, Kathy and Sophie Tanzer
From: Dr. David and Miriam Cligstein

From: Richard Herman



CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To the family of Ruth Sigel (sister of Barbara Sigel, niece of Milton and Rhoda Kellerman) Ruth was a very active congregant of the Shul. She was involved in many committees and was a regular participant at Sabbath and weekend services. She was the President of Shalom Hadassah, Area President of the Northern New England Region of Hadassah, and the advisor to three chapters of Hadassah. She will be deeply missed by her family, her friends and her cat Moses whom she adored.

Please forward your information by the 15th of each month in order to get into the newsletter in a timely manner. Information should be sent to peabodyshul@yahoo.com or call Barbara at 978-536-2018. You may also leave a message on the Synagogue's answering machine at 978-532-1624.



SAVE THE DATE! JUNE SHABBAT SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2007 AT 7:30.



SAVE THE DATE! AUGUST SHABBAT SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2007 AT 7:30. THIS SPECIAL SERVICE WILL ALSO WELCOME ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS! (MORE INFO TO FOLLOW)



Thank you so much for the outpouring of Get Well Wishes, Cards and Donations. It helped make my recovery so much easier. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and I am happy that I have made a full recovery.

Ronnie Tanzer



Traditions