

# Congregation Sons of Israel NEWSLETTER

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## FRIDAY NIGHT SABBATH SERVICE

February 6, 2009 @7:30 P.M.

*Cantor Cheryl Miller will conduct  
the service.*

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

**Harvey and Paula Chandler  
In honor of their 60th  
Wedding Anniversary!**



SATURDAY MINYANS-----Start at 9:00 A.M.  
SUNDAY MINYANS-----Start at 9:00 A.M.

### Time to Kindle Sabbath Candles for February 2009

February 6<sup>th</sup> -----4:46 p.m.  
February 13<sup>th</sup> -----4:55 p.m.  
February 16<sup>th</sup> -----5:05 p.m.  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> -----5:13 p.m.



# CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL FEBRUARY 2009 HAPPENINGS!

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

**Saturday-February 7, 2009----**

**Kiddush sponsored by:  
Richard and Susan Dinken  
In honor of Susan's Birthday!**



**Saturday-February 14, 2009----**

**Kiddush Sponsored by:  
Phyllis and Sherwin Gluck  
In memory of son Gary**



**Saturday-February 21, 2009----**

**Kiddush Sponsored by:  
Alan and Jane Finger  
In memory of son Nathan**



**Saturday-February 28, 2009----**

**Kiddush Sponsored by:  
Irving Bacherman and Rosalyn Abrams  
In memory of wife Eileen Sylvia  
Bacherman and mother to Rosalyn  
Abrams and Judith Frenkel.**



*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!*

# Congregation Sons of Israel

**AUCTION!**



**DOOR PRIZES!**



ONCE AGAIN!  
You are cordially invited to our  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
and

**WINTER (FORMERLY CHANUKAH) CELEBRATION!**

*Sunday-February 8, 2009 AT 5 P.M.*

**DINNER FOLLOWING THE MEETING**



Congregation Sons of Israel is proud to announce that our beginner Hebrew reading class was a huge success and the class will continue in January with a concentration in learning to read Hebrew prayers. The class will be open to all who wish to fine tune their reading skills and get familiar with our prayers. We are pleased and grateful that Barbara Smidt will continue as our teacher.

Keep a watch on our bulletins and website for the dates and times of the winter and spring classes. For further information, call the Shul at: [peabodyshul@yahoo.com](mailto:peabodyshul@yahoo.com).

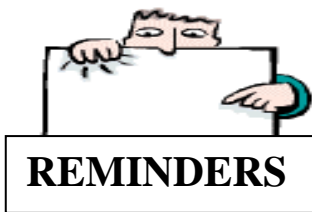


**Bernie Horowitz, Ritual Director**

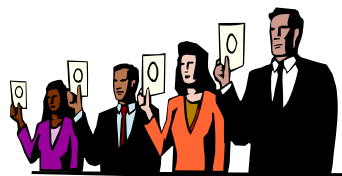
All Shul Storm Related Cancellations are announced the following ways:

Radio – WBZ1030  
TV – Channels 4 – 5 – 7  
Shul Email  
Shul Telephone

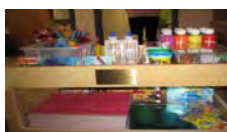




To all our Congregants, when making a donation or any payment, please write reason, and specify on your check and envelope whether it is designated for the General Fund or Trust Fund! Mail to Congregation Sons of Israel-P.O. Box 702-Peabody, MA 01960



**ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS!**  
**CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL BOARD MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**HERBSTER SOCIAL HALL**  
**IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE SHUL THAT YOU ATTEND!!**

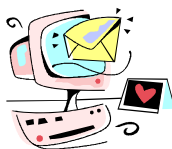


The Shul Directors have voted to continue our support of North Shore Children's Hospital. The Hunt Center in Danvers runs the Pediatric Inpatient Psychiatric and is part of North Shore Children's Hospital. They are in need of supplies, such as: DVD's, X-Box wireless remote controls and non-violent X-Box games. These items would have a positive impact for the children during their stay.



**DEDICATE A PRAYER BOOK**

You can dedicate a book for a \$36 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,



**Visit our website with new, updated information!**

The home page has a blog (a web log) of Peabodyites' early memories of the synagogues. Everyone is welcome to write a comment and read comments from others.

Tell your friends and acquaintances about our blog and ask them to write a comment. We are seeking many contributors as we approach our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

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](mailto:peabodyshul@yahoo.com) . You can also contact the Shul through our website [www.peabodyshul.org](http://www.peabodyshul.org)

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**Ritual Information:**  
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**Stephen and Leslie Greenberg**  
**Bernie Horowitz**  
**Joan Fine, Paul Ordman**



## **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. 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, 5769, Tu B'Shevat begins on Monday evening February 9<sup>th</sup> . Let us all be thankful for the bounty of plentiful fruits that our Creator has provided.



## **May 1, 2009 - Special Friday Nite Service**

**This Special Friday Nite Service honoring the founders of the shul as well as members of both Congregation Sons of Israel and Anshe Sfard is being finalized. As of now, we have a few descendants of the original signers of the document of incorporation and a couple of members that will be participating. We are envisioning a great response from our "Peabody People". If you know of anyone who has/had history with our shul, please encourage them to respond to us very soon.**

The following are gifts received **December 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008** 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 yahrzeit, 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 Ida Simon  
From: Professional Chapter at  
North Shore Medical Center

In memory of mother Mary Madow  
From: Ronald and Sandra Goldberg

In memory of husband William  
Bistrowitz  
From: Millie Bistrowitz

In memory of mother and  
grandmother Gladys Thruman  
From: David and Susan Anapolsky

In memory of mother Eva Dinkin  
From: Richard and Susan Dinkin

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

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

In memory of father-in-law Irving  
Herbster  
From: Merrill Herbster

In memory of father Nathan Smith  
From: Steve Smith

In memory of father Max Mindis  
From: Philip Mindis

In memory of fathers Andrew  
Gilstein and Sidney Pierce  
From: Donna and Allan Pierce

In memory of father  
From: Dr. and Mrs. Ronald  
Goldberg

In memory of grandfather  
From: Steven Kropp

In memory of husband Joseph  
Krivelow  
From: Rhoda Krivelow

In memory of Mel Loman  
From: Gloria Cohen

### **General Fund**

In memory of mother Mary Madow  
From: Bernice Dame

In memory of grandmother Alice  
Levy  
From: Jay Levy

In memory of husband Morris  
Winer  
From: Anne Winer

In memory of father Saul Tanzer  
From: Jason Tanzer

In honor of Lester Friedberg's 65<sup>th</sup>  
birthday  
From: Diane Elefson

Happy Hanukkah to Marvin  
Dorfman  
From: Estee Dorfman Foster and  
Craig Foster

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### **Edward Edelstein Memorial Trust Fund**

In loving memory of mother Mary  
Sigel  
From: Barbara Sigel

In honor of the 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding  
anniversary of Stanley & Sandra  
Simon  
From: Harvey & Paula Chandler

In loving memory of Josephine  
Cressey  
From: Steve & Leslie Greenberg

In honor of grandson Johnathon's  
birthday  
From: Steve & Leslie Greenberg

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

### **Edward Edelstein Memorial Trust Fund**

In memory of Marilyn Shaw  
From: Freda Kravetz & Irving  
Sacks

In loving memory of mother Ida  
Aronson  
From: Milton & Rhoda Kellerman  
From: Lillian Aronson

A wish for a speedy recovery to  
good health for Paula Chandler  
From: Lillian Aronson

Wishing a happy birthday to Leslie  
Greenberg  
From: Bea & Sumner Greenberg

A wish of good health for Paula  
Chandler  
From: Freda Kravetz & Irving  
Sacks

In memory of father-in-law Israel  
Kravetz  
From: Freda Kravetz

Wishing a happy birthday to Bea  
Greenberg  
From: Leslie & Steve Greenberg

Wishing a 40<sup>th</sup> happy birthday to  
Joel Greenberg  
From: Leslie & Steve Greenberg

Wishing a happy Chanukah to all of  
the Shul congregants  
From: Leslie & Steve Greenberg

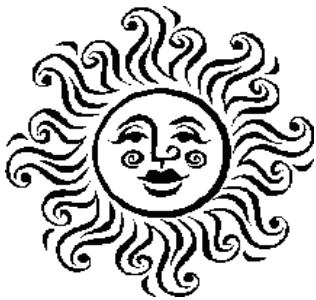
In memory of Marilyn Shaw  
From: Paula & Harvey Chandler

In memory of Max Talkonsky  
From: Paula & Harvey Chandler

In memory of Max Talkowsky  
From: Freda Kravetz & Irving  
Sacks

In memory of Marty Dillon  
From: Bea & Sumner Greenberg

**December donations will be  
included in next month's  
newsletter!**



## CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

### DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To the family of Minnie Rockwood (aunt of Stephen and Leslie Greenberg)  
To the family of Eli Moffie (father of Barry and Jeri Moffie)

### MAZEL TOV

To Estee Dorfman Foster on becoming a CPA and forming a partnership with her father.  
Dorfman and Dorfman, CPAs.

Please forward your information by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month in order to get into the newsletter in a timely manner. Information should be sent to [peabodyshul@yahoo.com](mailto: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! MARCH SABBATH SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6 , 2009 at 7:30 PM.



SAVE THE DATE! PURIM – READING OF THE MEGILLAH AND COSTUME PARTY- MONDAY EVENING MARCH 9, 2009 AT 6:30 pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS - MOVIE DAY - MARCH 22, 2009. COMEDY- **WHEN DO WE EAT?** (NEW DATE!)



UPCOMING EVENTS - SHUL LADIES GROUP! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT THE SHUL!



Dear fellow congregants, Jewish Family Service and other local food Pantries are reaching out to the clergy, their congregations, local governments and corporations to assist in obtaining food for the hungry. Many of us are blessed with an abundant amount of food on the table. Let us fulfill our Jewish and moral obligation by bringing non-perishable food to services on Shabbat and Sunday Services and special events; such as the Winter Celebration and Purim. Also, I'm sure a donation to the food pantry of your choice would be a good way to start 2009 and feed those who are less fortunate.

Bernie Horowitz  
Ritual Director