

Times of Services

If you don't already do so, come to at least one Shacharit and one Minchah each week – you'll love it and you will be supporting our minyan

Friday 1/27–

- Shacharit 6:45am
- Shabbat Candle Lighting **4:41pm**
- Mincha 4:40pm

Saturday- 1/28 -

- Shacharit 9:30am
- Mincha after kiddush
- Havdallah not before 5:42pm

Sunday 1/29

- Shacharit 9:00am

Monday - Thursday 1/30 - 2/2

- Shacharit 6:45am

Friday 2/3

- Shacharit 6:45am
- Shabbat Candle Lighting **4:49pm**
- Mincha 4:45pm
- Dinner 5:45pm

This week the joint Agudas – Young Israel Mincha/Maariv service will be held at HHNE at 4:50PM

Rabbi Weiss's Classes

You don't want to miss these!

“Ein Yaakov”

Sundays after Shacharit, approximately 9:40

Ghosts? Angels? Dream interpretation?

Prophecy? Learn about the Aggadic literature of the Talmud.

Upcoming Events

**2/3 - Friday night dinner with Tu B'Shevat Theme!
Mincha 4:45, Dinner 5:45.**

2/12 – Living Room Limud: “Convicting Komisarjevsky: Would it and could it be possible in a Jewish court?” Using Talmudic case studies to analyze the challenges and solution of setting up a modern day Torah court.
Location: Kadden home 27 West Ridge 7:30PM

3/2 – Shabbat Across America! Hosted right here at Agudas Achim! Make sure you clear your schedule for a Friday night to remember! Invite a friend! More information coming.

Thank you to Real Art Ways for sponsoring our Art Contest. They have a number of interesting films
www.realartways.org.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Mordechai and Devorah Weiss on the engagement of their granddaughter, Sarit Klugerman, to Tuvia Newman!

Mazal Tov to Dr. Lenny and Susan Cohen on the birth and bris of their grandson!

This Week's Birthdays

Alexis Zinkerman 1/29

Asher Feigenbaum 1/30

Please start to bring in toys, jewelry and anything else that could sell for the next Rummage Sale.

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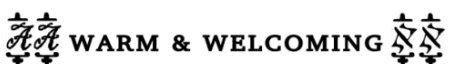
Rabbi's Column

This week's parsha deals with the last three plagues and the preparation for leaving Egypt. The details as well as the partaking of the first Pesach seder is described in detail. Along with the many laws pertaining to Pesach, including those having to do with the eating of matza and the prohibition of eating chometz, there are laws presented regarding the Paschal sacrifice as well as special commandments that pertained only to the Pesach of Egypt. All of this begins with more laws, those of sanctifying the new moon and Rosh Chodesh.

By taking a cursory glance at the number of laws given before the moment of our freedom, one is struck by the irony of the situation. If we were going free, and we were now truly going to experience freedom, then what is the appropriateness of all of these restrictive laws? Certainly freedom is defined by fewer constraints, fewer restrictions, and fewer laws!

Some explain the meaning of the necessity of laws in preparation for the moment of our Exodus as follows. The message is that there is no true freedom unless there is first discipline, both on a personal and a societal level. Imagine playing a game of baseball where everyone is free to do whatever he or she pleases. Although everyone might feel they are expressing freedom by doing whatever they choose, they would no longer be considered free to play baseball, because the game they would be playing would no longer *be* baseball. They must first agree to specific guidelines and rules, and only then can they appreciate and take advantage of the freedom they have to play.

On a personal level, though, a person who has not developed self discipline might call himself free, but is in effect still a slave to his own physical desires. He must work at rising above this level and acquiring self discipline to be able to enjoy the true freedom available to him. In the same way, the mitzvot are seen by our sages not as restrictions, but rather as a means of attaining true freedom. As the Talmud states, commenting on a verse referring to the ten commandments, that only when one studies Torah can one perceive true freedom. Shabbat Shalom!



Eruv Update

The status of the eruv can be checked on line every week on Friday afternoon on Twitter by accessing <http://twitter.com/WHartfordEruv> or by phone by calling the eruv hotline at (860)232-6417.

Refua Shlema / Get Well Soon!

Bob Birnbaum, Fred Jacobs, Sarah Katz, Lillian Paskowitz, Paul Perlsweig, Linda Reichin, Sarah Rivkin, Sam Siegel, Frances Soltz, Bernice Veroff



Be Alert!

If you see cars or strangers loitering near the shul please inform the Agudas office. If it is "after hours" please call the police. Last one out please verify the doors are locked.

Be Active !

(Links on our web page)
 * Support victims of terror
<http://bostonsupportsisrael.org/>
www.afmda.org/content/our%20work/mda%20in%20israel.aspx
 * Support IDF troops
www.libi-fund.org.il/Libi/eng/



Please send/give us birthdays, anniversaries & other simchas so we can include them, thank you! Gary

Yahrzeits

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| Shevat 5 | Shevat 8 |
| Michael Cohen | Ben Brownstein |
| Jennie Gaylor | Jechiel Lieberman |
| Zelda Lappen | Fannie Soloway |
| Morris Karotkin | Shevat 9 |
| Shevat 6 | Isaac Roseman |
| Esther Wachtel | Lillian Rulnick |
| Esther Bella Siegel | Bernard Pincas |
| Anna Altshuler | Jacob Seer |
| Jack Ger | Edes Bargeman Slitt |
| Louis Kastin | Meyer Heller |
| Shevat 7 | Sam Sturm |
| Morton Eisenberg | Sarah Goldstein |

A Very Jewish joke

A Jewish husband had just finished reading the book 'MAN OF THE HOUSE'.....so he stormed into the kitchen and walked directly up to his wife.

Pointing a finger in her face, he said,
"From now on, I want you to know that I am the man of this house, and my word is law!"
"I want you to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished I expect a sumptuous dessert."
"Then, after dinner, you are going to draw me my bath so I can relax."
"And when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair??"

His wife replied, **"The Chevra Kadisha!"**.
-Beata S.