

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- 2/26

- Candle Lighting 5:18pm
- Mincha/Maariv 5:20pm

Saturday- 2/27

- Shacharit 9:30am
- Mincha following Kiddush
- Havdallah not before 6:20pm
- Maariv 6:35
- Megillah Reading 6:45

Sunday 2/28

- Shacharit 8:30am
- Megillah Reading 9:15
- Mincha (and 2nd Megillah) 4:00pm

Weekdays M-TH

- Shacharit 6:45am
- Mincha/Maariv 5:25pm (at Agudas)

Friday– 3/5

- Shacharit 6:45am
- Candle Lighting 5:27pm
- Mincha/Maariv 5:25pm

This month the joint Agudas – Young Israel Mincha/Maariv service will be held at Agudas

Be Alert!

If you see cars or strangers loitering near the shul please inform the HHNE or 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://bostonupportsisrael.org/>

www.afmda.org/content/our%20work/mda%20in%20israel.aspx

* Support IDF troops

www.libi-fund.org.il/Libi/eng/



Don't Miss

Upcoming Events

- **Rabbi's class is now on Monday**
Current topic **Haggadah!**
- **PURIM!**
- Sat. February 27th 6:45pm special **Megilla reading w/Rabbi Weiss at Agudas**
- Sat. February 27th joint **Purim Party at Beth David**
- Sun. February 28th joint **Purim Seuda and program at Agudas, Western Theme. Megilla at 4:00pm, program begins at 4:30**
- March 5th **Friday dinner services 5:25, dinner at 6:30pm Israeli Theme**
- Sun. March 7th **Brunch & Learn, Leon Chameides discussing Jewish Galitsia**



Rabbi Weiss 's Classes

You don't want to miss these!

"Purely Parsha"

Saturday after Kiddush (about 12:30pm)
Learn about the ponderables hiding in the weekly Torah portion.

"Ein Yaakov"

Sunday during breakfast (about 9:45am)
Ghosts? Angels? Dream interpretation? Prophecy? Learn about the Aggadic literature of the Talmud.

"Totally Tefillah & Tantalizing Topics"

Monday 8pm rotating between homes –
Mar. 1st Esia Friedman
Mar. 8th Weiss – 40 Miamis

Classes this month will be devoted to delving into the Haggadah text in preparation for Pesach!

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**Agudas Achim
Weekly News**

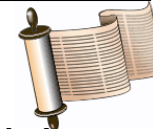


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Weekly Calendar

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WARM & WELCOMING

Rabbi's Column

This week's parsha of Tetazveh contains mainly the description of the clothes of the kohanim and the kohein gadol. The parsha contains, though, one vessel: the incense altar. This item seemingly belongs in last week's parsha of Terumah, which was the place in which all of the vessels of the *mishkan*, the Tabernacle, were described. Why was the golden altar of incense saved until this week's parsha? In fact, the answer gives us a powerful life lesson.

R' Zalman Sorotskin in his work *Oznayim Latorah* explains the answer in the following way. There were two altars in the *mishkan*. The one upon which all the animal sacrifices were offered was made of wood covered in copper and was outside of the tent of the tabernacle. The method for its construction was described last week in the parsha of *Terumah*. The other altar was the incense altar of this week's parsha. It was made of wood covered in gold, and stood inside the tent of the Tabernacle. Had the two altars been described in last week's parsha, we might have assumed that the incense altar is greater than the copper altar, since it is both located inside the *mishkan*, and it is also made of gold rather than copper. For this reason the altar of incense was mentioned separately so that we should not erroneously compare the two and thereby think that the incense altar is more important than the copper altar.

The story of Purim is filled with hidden meaning and concealed miracles. Even the name *Megillat Esther* refers not only to the name of the heroine of the story, but also to the fact that G-d is hidden ("nistar") within the story. The message to us is similar to that of the altars: don't judge things by their outer appearance. Just as the importance of the outer altar should not be judged based on its copper covering and location, and just as the story of Purim cannot just be considered without taking into account the hidden hand of G-d, so too we should never judge our neighbors too quickly. There is always a hidden holiness and depth to a Jew, and one must always strive to see it beneath whatever outer shell is more readily visible.

Shabbat Shalom!



תודה רבה!

On Sunday as part of **Living Room Limud Rick Sirvint** presented and discussed "**Major Farran's Hat**". Thank-you to the **Chameides** family for hosting this event and to Rick for organizing this fascinating series looking at the Holocaust from different perspectives.

The greater Hartford region is sending 3 youths to the **2010 March of the Living**. All three are from **Agudas!** (last year 2 out of the 3 were from Agudas!) Kol Hakavod to **Harry & Eva P.** for increasing Holocaust awareness within our community!

Asher F. for the beautiful torah and haftara reading, hazzanut and delicious kiddush! Happy Birthday Asher!

We **earned more than \$300!** and are currently earning about **\$6-8 each month!** from goodsearch.com keep on clicking and routing your Amazon, Expedia, Barnes&Noble etc on-line shopping through them! (just **start from our home page**) there is no cost to you and the shul makes a little money

Refua Shlema / Get Well Soon!

Regina Jacobs, Gladys Abel, Regina Lubka



Lots of ways to help our shul...

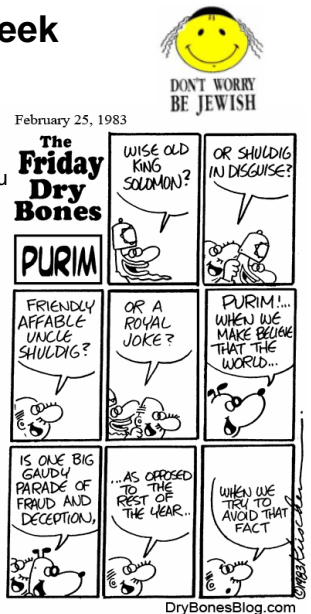
- Be "warm and welcoming"!
- Come to services
- Read torah
- Buy Script
- Send in jokes!
- Shop through goodsearch.com
- Help with cooking or cleaning
- Sponsor all/part of the renovations of the new upstairs chapel \$50,000

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Smile of the Week

Ten reasons for celebrating Purim.

1. Making noise in shul is a mitzvah.
2. Levity is not reserved for the Levites.
3. If you're having a bad hair day, you can wear a mask & no one will know who you are.
4. Purim is easier to spell than Khanuka, Chanukah, Chanuka, Hanuka
5. You don't have to kasher your home & change all the pots & dishes.
6. You don't have to build a sukkah and eat outside.
7. You get to drink wine & you don't have to stand for Kiddush.
8. You won't get hit in the eye by a lulav.
9. You can't eat hamentaschen on Yom Kippur.
10. Mordechai - 1; Haman - 0!!!!



March 1957 – thanks Larry C.!



GETTING last-minute instructions in cast of Hebrew skit at Agudas Achim Hebrew School are, front from left, Lewis W. Goldfarb, Elise F. Rackmill, Francoe M. Sigal, Sheila H. Cooper. Seated is Leonard G. Katz; around him from left, Jeffrey S. Wolf, Melynn Pilver, Arthur S. Goldman, Elliott S. Milstein, Dorothy N. Brownstein, Peter M. Horowitz, Beverly R. Seger and Fern R. Slavkin. Youths are all students at Hebrew school. — [Times Photo.]

Have some good jokes? email them to Renana at kaddenr@comcast.net

Best wishes to this year's participants in the
2010 March of the Living
Mimi F., Gavriella F. & Jonathan M.

