

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- 3/5

- Candle Lighting 5:27pm
- Mincha/Maariv 5:25pm

Saturday- 3/6

- Shacharit 9:30am
- Mincha following Kiddush
- Havdallah not before 6:28pm

Sunday 3/7

- Shacharit 8:30am
- Mincha 5:35pm

Weekdays M-TH

- Shacharit 6:45am
- Mincha/Maariv 5:35pm (at Agudas)

Friday– 3/12

- Shacharit 6:45am
- Candle Lighting 5:35pm
- Mincha/Maariv 5:35pm

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://bostonupportsrael.org/>

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

* Support IDF troops

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

Upcoming Events

- **Rabbi's class is now on Monday**
Current topic **Haggadah!**
- **March 5th Friday dinner services 5:25, dinner at 6:30pm Israeli Theme**
- **Sun. March 7th 11AM Brunch & Learn, Leon Chameides discussing Jewish Galitsia**
- **Sat. March 13th special kiddush sponsored by Rick Sirvint & Roberta Gordenstein Happy 25th Anniversary!**

**CLEANING FOR PESSACH AND HAVE “NO KITCHEN”?
PROBLEM SOLVED!**

- **March 26th Pre-Pessach Friday dinner services 5:30, dinner at 6:30pm space is limited
MUST RSVP**

Refua Shlema / Get Well Soon!

*Ira Feigenbaum, Regina Jacobs, Gladys
Abel, Regina Lubka*



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. 8th Weiss – 40 Miamis

Mar. 15th TBA

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



Don't Miss

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Rabbi's Column

This week's parsha, Ki-Tisa, begins with the description of the census taken in the desert. This section of the parsha should be familiar because we just read it three weeks ago on the Shabbat preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar, which was Parshat Shekalim. The portion speaks about the giving of the half shekel, which was the method by which the Jews were counted in the desert. This method of counting served two purposes. First, because we are warned to not count Jews with numbers, we would rather count half-shekel donations than use a simple head count. Additionally, the silver collected from this census was used in the building of the walls of the Tabernacle and therefore through the census every Jew had a share in the building of the Mishkan.

What's most interesting is the commentary of Rashi on the half shekel donation. Rashi tells us that Moshe had difficulty understanding the commandment to count with a half shekel until G-d showed him a "coin of fire", at which time Moses understood. What was the challenge Moses was having? Didn't he know what a half shekel coin was? And what is the significance of a coin of fire?

What Moshe did not understand at first was how something as physical and mundane as money can be used for such a holy purpose as counting the Jewish people. Surely, there are more lofty items that can be used for counting than simply money. But this was the message that G-d was showing Moshe. Money is neither good nor bad, just as fire is neither good nor bad. Both are simply a tool in the hands of the user. Just as fire can either preserve life or destroy life, depending on the intention of its user, so too money gives one the ability to do enormous good, or bring unspeakable destruction to the world, G-d forbid. The job of the Jew is to take these tools and elevate them by channeling their power for the good.

For this reason, money is the most appropriate tool to use for counting the Jewish people. The message is that as we are being counted in the nation of G-d, we are being taught that we must choose to use our status for the betterment of the world, not to hurt it. What better way to teach that than to initiate our counting into the nation of Hashem with the very tool that exemplifies this lesson.

Shabbat Shalom



תודה רבה!

The **Wild West Purim seuda** was great! We were bulging at the seams with 300 people! Thank you to all that helped, set-up, organized, presented, cleaned up and more from Agudas, Chabad and Young Israel, truly a community event!

Ye Haw!



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 time 2 out of the 3 were from Agudas!) Kol Hakavod to **Harry & Eva P.** for increasing Holocaust awareness within our community!

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

Best wishes to this year's participants in the

2010 March of the Living

Mimi F., Gavriella F. & Jonathan M.



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*

Smile of the Week



Dear God,

This last year you took away my favorite singer, **MICHAEL JACKSON**, my favorite actor, **PATRICK SWAYZE** & my favorite actress **FARRAH FAWCETT**. Let me remind you that my favorite politician is **MAHMOUD AHMEDINEJAD**...

Gil F.

Who was the best businesswoman in the Bible? Pharaoh's daughter, she pulled a profit out of the water.

The winter of 1994 was tough on many of Europe's root crops. A week before Passover the Jewish Community of Madrid found that the shipment of horseradish it had ordered from Bolivia would now not arrive until ten days after the Passover ended.

The community needed the horseradish for its traditional paschal ritual of Marror, but whomever they tried approaching from among the EU suppliers, they received the same reply "Sorry! No can do." In desperation, the Rabbi phoned one of his Yeshiva friends in Tel Aviv - who happened to be the second cousin of the Mashgiach for Agrexco - and begged him to organize a crate of Israeli horseradish roots, by air-freight to Madrid. It took the friend two days to organize, and two days before Passover, a crate of grade A tear-jerking Israeli horseradish roots was proudly loaded at Ben Gurion Airport onto the El-Al flight 789 to Madrid, and all seemed to be well.

Unfortunately when the Rabbi came to Madrid Airport in order to take the crate out of Customs, he was informed that an unforeseen wildcat strike had just broken out among the members of the airport's Transport and General Workers Union, and no shipments would be unloaded for at least four days.

So you see, "the chraine in Spain stayed mainly on the plane!"

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



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