

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

Friday-Shabbat 6/12-6/13/09:

- Friday Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm
- Candle Lighting 8:08pm
- Shabbat Shacharit 9:30am
- Mincha 7:55pm
- Shabbat ends 9:08pm

Sunday 6/14/09

- Shacharit 8:30am
- Mincha 8:10pm

Monday, Tues, Weds. Thurs.

- Shacharit 6:45am
- Minchah 8:10pm

Friday-6/19

- Friday Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm
- Candle Lighting 8:11pm

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



WE WANT YOU

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

Be Alert!

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

<http://www.libi-fund.org.il/Libi/eng/>



WARM & WELCOMING



Don't Miss

Upcoming Events

- Sunday June 14th 1pm – the **Tribute program honoring the Yaffes!** Don't miss it!
- Friday July 3rd dinner. Services at 7pm, meal at 8pm **last time with Chani's fish and challah**
- Sunday, July 12th 7:30pm **Living Room Limud** at the Kaddens. Rabbi Yaffe will talk about his grandfather's poetry.

Rabbi Yaffe's blog:

<http://anunderstandingheart.blogspot.com>



GALA TRIBUTE FOR THE YAFFES

SUNDAY JUNE 14TH 1pm LUNCHEON PROGRAM

17 years in the Greater Hartford community...

We watched their family grow...

We were touched by their presence, warmth & wisdom

Join us in thanking this special family for being a part of our community and our lives...

- **Catered lunch**
- **Speakers from diverse backgrounds**
- **Photos, stories and more!**



Thank – you for all that sent in SHARED MEMORIES!

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6/12/09-6/18/09

Weekly Calendar

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Haftarah: Beha'alotcha

"Hear now, Joshua the High Priest! For you and your companions who sit before you are people of far-reaching importance. For lo! I bring My servant [the Messiah] like a growing plant." (Zechariah 2:8, Hirsch translation)
 In the book of Ezra we read that at the inauguration of the Second Temple, all the young people rejoiced greatly. Yet the sound of their rejoicing was hardly audible over the wailing of the older people who had seen the grandeur and the majesty of the First Temple, with the Divine Presence that dwelt there. They could see that the Second Temple was but a pale shadow of the First, and instead of rejoicing, they mourned the greatness of the First Temple which had not been regained.

Joshua, the subject of our haftarah, was the first High Priest in the Second Temple. And he knew that what had been lost with the destruction of the First Temple had not been brought back. Thus the prophet has special words of exhortation for him. He is told that although it might appear that the people's accomplishment in rebuilding their Temple was a pitifully small one, yet buried within were the seeds of all the future greatness of the nation. "You are people of far-reaching importance," he is told, "for ... I bring My servant like a growing plant."

And so it was. The Second Temple, though its stature was far less than that of the First, succeeded in instilling in the people an enduring sense of mission. Even through all the many centuries of our exile since the Second Temple's destruction, our nation has remained true to its beliefs, thanks to the spiritual stamina which we acquired during the Second Temple era.

There is a parallel to this idea in our personal lives too. We may think that our achievements are small and unimportant, that they have no real significance. But let us make no mistake. Even the smallest positive action of ours has, in the end, the power to move mountains. And if that isn't evident to us now, we might consider the words of the prophet to Joshua, telling him that his service was like a "growing plant"--reaching slowly but surely to ever greater heights.

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Refua Shlema / Get Well Soon!

to

Ellie, Lynn, Shuli, Sid & Walter



תודה רבה!

We earned more than \$250! from <http://www.goodsearch.com>, keep on clicking and routing your on-line shopping through them!

Shavuot was wonderful, we had a lively Jewish Jeopardy and dairy treats at the shule (including "name that joke"). This was followed by a fascinating very late night study/limud at the **Fried's** until 3am. Topics varied from Asimov's view of Ruth, through a discussion of infant mortality in Egypt. A big yishar choach to all that made this possible

Over the long weekend kiddushes we were also treated to delicious dairy delicacies. You will have to wait a year until you get to taste **Abby's** shavuot special cupcake-cheesecake and ambrosia (just to name two!).

To **Bob & Burnette, Esia, Renana, Ellie, Robert Z., Etan, Gary and Alexis** for helping with the massive Yaffe mailing.



Search for a new Rabbi... Thank you to George and the search committee--Bob, Larry, Renana, Leon, David, Lenny C., and Irina -- who worked so hard and did a thorough job. It was a hard process with a number of exceptional candidates. Thank you to all that hosted, fed, drove, and met with the three candidates. We hope the "shidduch" (match) will be an opportunity to grow spiritually, intellectually & physically.

Lots of ways to help our shul...

- *Come to services*
- *Be "warm and welcoming"!*
- *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 \$40,000*

Smile of the Week

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TWO FRIENDS

Two friends meet after they haven't seen each other in twenty five years.

Harry starts talking about himself and doesn't stop for a half hour. His friend David says "Harry, we haven't spoken in 25 years, you go on and on about yourself...aren't you going to ask about me? Harry considers and says "Your right! How are you?" David answers "Oy, Don't ask!"



Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Yid.

TWO GRANDMOTHERS

Two very Jewish grandmothers were enjoying the sunshine on a park bench in Miami. They had been meeting at that park every sunny day for over twelve years, chatting and enjoying each other's friendship.

One day the younger of the two ladies turned to the other and said, "Please don't be angry with me, dear, but I am embarrassed, after all these years.... What is your name? I'm trying to remember, but I just can't."

The older friend stared at her, look very distressed, said nothing for two full minutes, and finally with tearful eyes, "How soon do you have to know?"

ALIYAH

A Gabbai approaches a guest in the Shul and says, "I want to give you an Aliyah. What is your name?"

Man says "Sara bat Moshe."

Gabbai says "No I need *your* name."

Man repeats "It is Sara bat Moshe."

Gabbai asks "How can that be your name?"

Man answers "I've been having serious financial problems so everything is in my wife's name."

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



DONT WORRY
 BE JEWISH