

## Ritual Committee Report

The Ritual Committee accomplished several goals during the 2014-2015 year.

We felt that, for insurance purposes, we needed to have a comprehensive inventory with pictures, of all religious items within the synagogue. I am most appreciative of the tremendous help that I received from Ed Kahol and Joel Sabel in accomplishing this task.

We also saw a need to begin a process of identifying siddurim and humashim that were showing signs of such extreme wear that they were deemed ready for retirement. As we began to identify those prayer books, we also began a search for newer prayer books to replace the worn-out ones that needed to be retired.

During our research to obtain/purchase new prayer books, we decided to send out an inquiry to other synagogues in an effort to obtain any prayer books (in good condition) that were no longer being used. We are most appreciative for Jon Shoenholz who contacted synagogues and negotiated with two synagogues to obtain prayer books that we have placed into our service. The synagogues were pleased to ship the prayer books to us for shipping and handling charges, only. We want to thank Eileen Daitch, Chairperson of the Persky Fund, who appropriated the funds that were sent to cover the above charges.

Many of the prayer books have not yet been dedicated. Dedication book plates are available for these prayer books at a reduced price since the prayer books are not new.

The Ritual Committee will continue to search for additional prayer books to continue our process of replacing those that are in poor condition.

The following people have been a tremendous help to the Ritual Committee and deserve a special Thank-You:

**Edith Siruill** who continues to schedule the weekly haftorah chanters, **Warren Umansky** who has devoted much effort and time contacting our members for Honors during the High Holidays, and **Ed Kahal** who coordinates the weekly schedule for the Gabbiam.