

Gishrei Shalom Jewish Congregation Ritual Objects and Donations

BEFORE GSJC...



GSJC's first outdoor sign at our current location (37 Main Street)



ARK AND BIMAH/TORAH TABLE

**Built by
Bernard Grover**
*(Father of Congregant
Bryan Grover)*



STAR OF DAVID

Built by Bernard Grover
(Father of Congregant Bryan Grover)



Back Story:

The Star of David project was spearheaded by congregants Alice and Tom Holloway for their daughter Rachel's Bat Mitzvah on May 5, 2001. Created and co-funded with Nancy and Bryan Grover, it was the debut of the sanctuary set-up that continues today. It includes the Eternal Light hung from the projection screen, moving the piano, and the installation of a wireless microphone on the Bimah. In another first, Rabbi Stevens, offered passages from the yet-to-be-released prayer book we currently use. There were three B'Not Mitzvahs in three consecutive months that year: Rachel Holloway, Allison Brzezinski, and Daniel Infeld.

TORAH STAND

Donated by B'Not Class of 1998



ETERNAL LIGHT

*Donated by **Debbie Klein**
(Rosenblatt) in honor of her
parents **Rose and Herbert Klein**
(along with donations from the
Gozzo and Holloway families)*



IN REMEMBRANCE

Yahrzeit Board

Donated by Alice and Tom Holloway

Built by Ed Tuttle
(Neighbor of the Holloways)



TORAH

On Loan from Beth Israel, West Hartford

The Back Story:

Congregant Sandra Blumer spoke to Dr Nat Dubin, a prominent member of Beth Israel: torah is on permanent loan and must be returned if GSJC ceases operations.



HOLOCAUST TORAH

On Loan from the Memorial Scrolls Trust of Westminster Synagogue in London, England (the repository for saved scrolls: ID#: MST#888)

Cover pictured donated by Arthur and Sandy Blumer (white cover came with Torah) Rimonim and breastplate purchased with donations



TORAH BREASTPLATE

Donated by Debbie Klein (Rosenblatt) in honor of her parents Rose and Herbert Klein



HOLOCAUST TORAH RESTORATION PROJECT DONOR BOARD

(Hangs below the Yahrzeit Board)



TORAH YAD

Donated by GSJC in memory of Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker's father, Lester J. Kovar



TORAH

Paper Torah

Unknown Donor



SHOFAR

Shofar and stand donated by the Minor and Brzezinski families in honor of Natalie Minor and Sara Brzezinski's Bat Mitzvahs in 1997.



TORAH

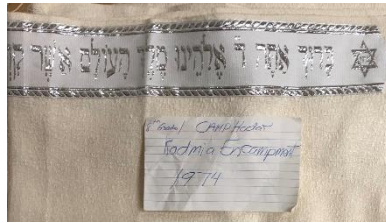
Military Torah from Rabbi Seymour Zahn's Korean Conflict Chaplin Kit

(Per Congregant Laura Minor, GSJC purchased from Rabbi Zahn in 1985 or 1986. More info at the end of this book)



TALIT *Talit* (Hebrew?)

Used at Camp Ramar
Kadmia Encampment
(donor unknown)



T'FILLIN

Bag and contents donated by
Congregant Mickey Goldwasser

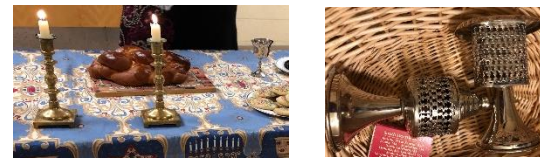


CHALLAH BOARD & COVERS (Donor(s) unknown)



SHABBAT WARE

(Candlestick back story at end of this presentation, havdalah set,
kiddush cup, tablecloth & challah board/cover donors unknown)



MENORAHS/CHANUKIAHS

(Donors unknown)



HOLIDAY TABLEWARE (Donors unknown)



CONGREGANT ARTWORK

*Painted and donated
by Judy Gozzo*



*Painting by Harriet Linder donated as part
of the second adult B'nai Mitzvah class.*



*Moses as
painted and
donated
by Sue
Kleinman*

ARTWORK



*Jerusalem
scenes
donated by
Alice and
Tom
Holloway*



Donor unknown

DECORATIVE PIECES



*Decorative
velvet cloth
donated by
Craig and
Laura Minor*



Donor unknown



*White cover came with Holocaust Torah.
Other cover donor unknown*

MISCELLANEOUS...

- ✧ *Finials for Beth Israel Torah were donated by Debbie (Rosenblatt) Klein in honor of her parents, Rose and Herbert Klein*
- ✧ *Yad for Beth Israel Torah: Unknown donor. Sandy Blumer had it restored as a gift in honor of her presidency*
- ✧ *Arthur and Sandy Blumer donated the bookcase in the back of the chapel in honor of their marriage in 1994*
- ✧ *Debbie (Rosenblatt) Klein designed and made the blue window valances*

Missing - covers, decorations and wimple for Beth Israel Torah, other tablecloths.