



# The Newsletter of Congregation Beth Jacob

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מה-טבו אהליך. יעקב. משכנתך. ישראל!

"How lovely are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!"

## 5770 HOLIDAYS

- ☉ Mon March 01, Shushan Purim
- ☉ Mon March 29, Erev Pesach
- ☉ Tue April 06, Pesach day 8
- ☉ Sun April 11, Yom HaShoah
- ☉ Mon April 19, Yom HaZikaron
- ☉ Tue April 20, Yom HaAtzma'ut
- ☉ Sun May 02, Lag B'Omer
- ☉ Wed May 12, Yom Yerushalayim
- ☉ Tue May 18, Erev Shavuot
- ☉ Wed May 19, Shavuot 1
- ☉ Tue July 20, Tish'a B'Av

Holidays begin on the evening before  
the date shown.

## RABBI'S MESSAGE –

*As I write this brief commentary, Purim is coming and, just a few weeks later, Passover; and I have been thinking somewhat about the relationship between them.*

*Purim, the Feast of Esther, and Passover, our Festival of Freedom, are often associated with one another because they occur only one month apart in the Jewish calendar. The connection between these minor and major festivals also exists on a deeper level: Some of the key events in the Purim story are portrayed as having taken place during Passover.*

*According to the Scroll of Esther, Haman's decree concerning the destruction of the Jews of Persia was issued on the 13th day of the First Month, which is Nisan (Esther 3:12). On the next day, Esther began her three-day fast. Thus, the original Fast of Esther took place on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of Nisan; and these dates correspond to what the Jewish people, since ancient times, have observed as the Fast of the First-born and the first two days of Passover.*

*The Rabbis of old went so far as to say, in a midrash, that Mordecai was at first opposed to Esther's fast precisely because it was Passover; and the conventional law prohibited fasting on a Feast-day. The midrash then goes on to give Esther's reply: "Of what avail are the Festivals, if there is no Israel to celebrate them?" And so, Esther's fast was proclaimed.*

*Following the sequence of events in the Scroll of Esther, it appears that Esther went in before the king during Passover (Esther 5:1); that Esther's two banquets with the king and Haman occurred during Passover (5:5 and 7:1); and that Haman's tyranny came to an end during Passover, at the conclusion of the second banquet (7:10). In this way, Israel's enemy in Persia was destroyed during the season of the Jewish people's great Redemption Festival. As a consequence, as it is said: "For the people there was light and gladness, and joy and honor" (8:16). So may it be for us!*

Rabbi Lawrence

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## Brotherhood

We are enthusiastic, spirited and excited. We plan to become an important part of Congregation Beth Jacob. It is the goal of the Brotherhood to take an active part of our community. We plan to raise money to provide scholarship support for our religious school students in need of financial help.

We will be having 3 or 4 more breakfast or dinner meetings in the next 8 or 9 months. We plan to continue to go bowling on the first Tuesday of the month. We hope to schedule one or two fundraising events to help achieve our goal.

Please join us and help support our needy students. We have 3 levels of membership:

Supporting Member - \$18

Torah Member - \$36

Mitzvah Member - \$54

Make your check payable to: CBJ Brotherhood, PO Box 3284.  
Plymouth, MA 02361

## Sisterhood

Our Sisterhood provides financial support and labor for many of CBJ's activities and causes and needs your help. Even if you're unable to attend meetings, your membership gives us the funding needed to subsidize these events. If your children are grown, you can remember the enjoyable holiday parties, which still continue to this day for our younger generation. What would Chanukah be without dreidels and candy? What would Simchat Torah be without our pizza party after decorating the Sukkah? What would a Purim carnival be without hamantashen? We also sponsor a Purim Carnival game. These are just a few of the many events Sisterhood supports. We also stock the kitchen in both buildings with all of the supplies needed. If it happens at CBJ, Sisterhood is there!

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Synagogue – PLEASE JOIN US!!!

### *INTERFAITH COMMEMORATION OF YOM HA-SHOA*

*Holocaust Memorial Day, Sunday evening, April 11*

*Our community's annual observance of Yom Ha-Shoa will take place Sunday evening, April 11, in two parts. This year we will gather at Beth Jacob's Holocaust Memorial Monument, at Beth Jacob Cemetery before our event at the Community Center. The plan is as follows:*

*6:45 p. m. -- Cemetery visit*

*7:30 p. m. -- Community Center for interfaith observance*

*Each year members of the larger community, including leaders of many of the churches, take part in this Yom Ha-Shoa observance, which is sponsored by the Plymouth-area Interfaith Clergy Association, the Town of Plymouth's No Place for Hate Committee, and Congregation Beth Jacob. It has been our experience and our intention that this commemoration is perfectly acceptable for children who are in the sixth grade and older.*

*Please mark your calendars now.*

### LIMUD TORAH/TORAH STUDY GROUP

MONDAYS, 8:30 TO 10:00 A. M. (S)

MARCH 1, 15, 22, 29 (29TH ONLY: ENDS AT 9:30)

APRIL 12, 26

CONTINUING OUR STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES

(HEBREW NOT REQUIRED!)

PLEASE JOIN US!

## **PARTY – Plymouth Area Temple Youth**

Co-Advisor Robin Hunter – high school, 9 - 12

Co-Advisor Jessie Bridgewater – youth grades, 5 - 8

Contact us at [party@cbjplymouth.org](mailto:party@cbjplymouth.org)

Get information at [www.cbjplymouth.org/PARTY.html](http://www.cbjplymouth.org/PARTY.html)

Members of National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) Northeast - [www.nfty.org/ne](http://www.nfty.org/ne)

### **SAVE THE DATES FOR 2010**

March 5 Mac N' Cheese Fundraiser Contest – 6:00 pm, Community Center

March 12-14 Spring Conclavette hosted by BAYGL – Newton Center, MA

March 14 NFTY-NE Regional Board Meeting III – Newton Center, MA

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **BEIT SEFER NEWS – Jill Duggan**

Over the past few months Beit Sefer students have been learning about Famous Jewish People and Jews in America. Students have learned how Jewish people have had a positive impact in all aspects of life including science, politics, sports and entertainment.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Cantor Intern Elise worked with our students on a mini-unit dealing with the topic of Death and Mourning. It was a wonderful program and students were exposed to this difficult subject matter in a manner that was comfortable for all. The next unit of study will revolve around the story of Joseph.

On February 28<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Purim by reading the Magillah followed by a Purim Carnival, sponsored by the PTO. In addition, all students and families are encouraged to join us for upcoming Simchah Shabbats which will be on March 5<sup>th</sup>, which is also Shabbat Across America, and April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

MARCH 5 @ Simcha Shabbat Services @ Community Center  
SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA – all are welcome  
PARTY Mac n' cheese fundraiser (reservations required)

CONFIRMATION CLASS TRIP TO MONTREAL scheduled for April 18 – 21

NO HEBREW SCHOOL – April 5, 6, 19, 20 and 22

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

A number of Adult Ed events are coming up in March and April.

Rabbi Silverman is planning two additional programs to be held immediately before Friday night services. One will take up the Passover Hagaddah, the second will continue his February presentation on the Siddur, our prayerbook. Both will include time for discussion. Check out the Weekly Update for dates.

At Friday night services on March 26<sup>th</sup>, CBJ will welcome as a guest speaker Father Bill Kremmell, pastor of St. Athanasius Church in Reading. His topic is to be announced. Please save the date.

Remember . . . learning is a Jewish tradition!

## Donations

### GENERAL FUND

Geoffrey & Joyce Stewart - In memory of Harry & Adeline Keller  
Joshua Segal & Karen Satz - In honor of Joanne & Elliott Levy's religious wedding

**THE 100th ANNIVERSARY FUND** by The Marshall Wisoff Family

### ***DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED!!***

Our ELUL Fund is in need of donations to continue with our cantorial internship program. Donations should be sent to CBJ, PO Box 3284, Plymouth MA 02361 and mark your check with 'Elul Fund.' Thank you for helping to enrich our congregation with this program.

## The Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund

*The Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund supports special educational and charitable projects for the Congregation and in its name. Gifts in any amount are always welcome, and are acknowledged to the donor and/or to the honoree, or, to the family of one who has been remembered. Your contributions are especially important during the winter. Please direct gifts and instructions to Rabbi Silverman. (Checks payable to CBJ-Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund.) Your support is always appreciated and we acknowledge these recently received gifts:*

Anonymous

In Honor of NANCY GOLDEN AND DAVID COHEN

By Roxy Simpson

Giving Thanks for many prayers in behalf of our GRANDSON TOMMY and wishing him a full recovery

By Ron and Tedda Lindeman

Wishing Good Health to LEONA PENN

By Muriel Swartz

### **GIFT CARD REMINDER:**

Please consider using our gift card program as an easy, efficient and no brainer way to purchase items for yourself or to give as gifts. Cards are available for just about every major retailer in the country. You'll find clothing stores, restaurants, beauty parlors, super markets, gasoline, travel or just about anything else you can imagine. Just go to the web site ([www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)) and print the list as a work sheet and call or write me with your orders. Bear in mind that CBJ earns a commission on everything you purchase under this program and there is no impact on your budget. There is one caveat and that is on card ordered that aren't kept in stock the freight charge (\$7.50) is equally divided among all the participants in that order. Thank you for your ongoing support of our beloved CBJ!

Carl Finer, Fundraising

# Yahrzeit and Condolences

Yahrzeit Observance begins the evening before the date shown

*"May the Memory of each one abide as a Blessing"*

Some customs associated with Yahrzeit observance are: lighting a memorial candle at home in the evening at the beginning of the Yahrzeit period; saying Kaddish during a Shabbat service close to the Yahrzeit; donating to a charity or one of CBJ's special funds in memory of the one whose Yahrzeit is being observed.

## MARCH

1 Rebecca Kirschner  
2 Betty Balton  
3 Elizabeth Rains  
3 Joseph L. Harris  
3 Rose Goldberg  
5 Eleanor Azerrad  
6 Susan Starr  
7 Adele Hollander  
8 Ben Lipman  
9 Adele Baler  
11 Sadye Arons  
13 Phillip Van West  
13 Isidore H. Waterman  
14 Henry Grace  
15 Lawrence Hollander  
17 Bernard Skulsky  
18 Ida Herman  
20 Isaac Cohen  
20 Bessie Shepard  
22 Samuel Poretsky  
25 Mary Jane Katz  
25 Joseph Resnick  
27 Leo Eckman  
29 Sadye Sherman Gereboff  
29 Albert Silverman  
31 Ida Cohen  
31 Mitchell Toabe  
31 Leah Supornick  
31 Henry Feinberg

## APRIL

2 Fannie Penn  
6 Max Winokur  
7 Joseph Barney Van West  
10 Hyman John Klasky  
10 James Moore  
13 Thelma Misner  
15 Max Lindeman  
17 Jacob Keller  
18 Estelle Pokross Sherman  
19 Ruth Lipman  
19 Samuel Cohen  
24 Helen Pearce  
28 William Lippman

## MAY

2 Arnold Shelly  
2 Stella S. Bromberg  
4 Harvey F. Cohen  
7 Miriam Polak Lelyveld  
8 Kalman Aharoni



## Rabbi's Calling Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
between 10:00 AM to 12 noon

**NEW Direct phone: 508-746-0010**

NEW EMERGENCY LINE: 401-480-5800

## MARCH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn.  2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	2 3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm Brotherhood Bowling 7pm @ Alley Kat, Kingston Sisterhood mtg. 7pm @ Syn.	3	4 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	5 7:30pm CC ONEG: Baum/Massie PARTY Mac n' cheese fundraiser & Shabbat Across America	6
7 9:45 PTO mtg.  Beit Sefer	8 2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	9 3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	10	11 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	12 7:30pm Service @ Syn. ONEG: John	13
14  Beit Sefer & Confirmation	15 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn.  2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	16 3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	17	18 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	19 7:30pm Service @ Syn. ONEG: Stillerman	20
21 Beit Sefer  PTO Adult Rummage Sale & Bake Sale 11-12:30	22 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn.  2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	23 3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	24	25 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	26 7:30pm Service @ Syn. ONEG: Starr Guest speaker: Father William Kremmel	27
28 Beit Sefer & Confirmation	29 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn.  2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm PASSOVER – 1 <sup>ST</sup> NIGHT	30 3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	31			

## APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	2 7:30 Service @ Syn. ONEG: Sisterhood PASSOVER	3 10:00am @ Syn. Colton Smith Bar Mitzvah
4 Beit Sefer & Confirmation	5	6 8:00 am Service @ Syn. Last day of Passover, Yizkor	7	8	9 Simcha Shabbat 7:30pm Service @ Syn	10
11 Yom Ha-Shoa observance 6:45pm Cemetery 7:30pm CC	12 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn. 2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	13 3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm	14	15 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	16 7:30pm Service @ Syn	17
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	PLYMOUTH SCHOOL VACATION					
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# A HEARTY MAZEL TOV TO:

- The Waltuch Family – Phil, Mary and Ben of Plymouth and David & Tavia, and Dawn of California on the birth of *Theodore William Waltuch*, son of David and Tavia.
- Fred and Irene Sarke on the birth of their grandson Tyler Ethan Smulow son of Dena and Dan Smulow.
- Benjamin Waltuch for qualifying for the Regional Science Fair for his research on finding the best location in Plymouth for a wind turbine.

## What a Joy!

Our heartfelt thanks go to the 37 CBJ members and our P.A.R.T.Y families who have been assigned or volunteered to host 29 Oneg Shabbats from Sept-March. Each Friday we have been delighted to enjoy the warmth, fellowship and delicious treats they provided after Kabbalat Shabbat services. If you have not volunteered yet you can do so by contacting our Oneg Shabbat Chair, Barbara Aharoni by email [ahaba@juno.com](mailto:ahaba@juno.com) or phone. Some members like to pick an Oneg date to honor a special occasion. Otherwise you may receive a letter with an assignment date in the months ahead to cover the rest of the year. Shabbat Shalom.

## PTO Rummage Sale

The PTO plans to welcome in the Spring with an Adult Rummage Sale on Sunday March 21 from 11:00 to 12:30. Clean out your closets for gently worn adult clothing. We will also accept books. We're sorry, but for this sale we are not accepting any children's items.

Items can be dropped off beginning at 9:45 A.M. and join us for the bake sale which will be available during the sale. Please join us and support our CBJ PTO!!

Congregation Beth Jacob  
Yizkor Book *We Remember Them*  
2010-2011  
5771

The format of this Yizkor Book requires that memorial listings be by *individual* names only, without identification of relationship or terms of endearment. If memorializing two people who were husband and wife, they must be listed as two individual names.

Donation \$9 per name

**Example**

In Memory of:: Remembered by **one of the following choices**

John Doe            1) John Adams  
                          2) Mr. and Mrs. John Adams  
                          3) John and Abigail Adams  
                          4) Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and Family

Jane Doe            John and Abigail Adams and Family

TOTAL            2 memorials @ \$9 per name =\$18

**NAMES TO BE REMEMBERED (Please print clearly)**

In Memory of:

Remembered by:


Check here further choices:

- Submit same as last year, no additions, corrections or deletions
- Full page- 24 lines of text @ \$180
- Half page- 12 lines of text @ \$ 90
- I would like a copy of "We Remember Them" sent to me.

Please use the back of this form for additional names to be listed in Yizkor book and for the text of the full, or half page dedication(s)

Please accept the enclosed total tax-deductible contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to memorialize my loved one(s) in the 2010-2011 Congregation Beth Jacob *We Remember Them*.

Name of Contributor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

The enclosed form must be completed and returned with your check, payable to Congregation Beth Jacob, **no later than June 15**. Please mail to:

Barbara Aharoni, 37 Dwight Avenue, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

Questions about this form? Please call Barbara at 508-747-0805.