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The Newsletter of Congregation Beth Jacob

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

**MAY/JUNE 2011
 ISSUE**

5771 HOLIDAYS

Sun, May 1, Yom HaShoah
 Mon, May 9, Yom HaZikaron
 Tues, May 10, Yom HaAtzma'ut
 Sun, May 22, Lag B'Omer
 Wed, June 8, Shavuot
 Tues, August 9, Tish'a B'Av

*Holidays begin at sundown on the evening
 before the dates listed.*



A MESSAGE FROM RABBI SILVERMAN...

Dear Friends:

In the Jewish calendar, we are now in the period called “Sefirah,” the Counting of the Omer, which stretches from the second night of Passover to Shavu’ot, whose name means week.” The Feast of Weeks celebrates Israel’s acceptance of the Torah at Mount Sinai — and in every generation thereafter. These weeks, which connect out two springtime Festivals, contains a progression which reflects several important events in the recent history of the Jewish people. PESACH/PASSOVER. We read the Haggada: “This very night which we, a free generation, celebrate calmly, safely, and joyfully was often turned into a night of fear and suffering for our people.” In this year of 2011, we marked the 68th anniversary of the Nazi invasion of the Warsaw Ghetto. It was on the night of the Seder, April 19, 1943, that the Nazis began their prolonged assault on the Ghetto which, to the surprise of the German occupiers, resisted the onslaught. Under the heel of oppression, the Jewish people ate the Bread of Affliction in reality, as well as symbolically. During the Holocaust, the Jews of Europe tasted Maror, the bitterness of persecution. During the Holocaust, they knew painfully and clearly the meaning of the ancient yearning of their people: “Next year may all be free!”

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YOM HA-SHOA/HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, May 1, 7:00pm at the Community Center

This interfaith observance commemorates the destruction of European Jewry by the Nazis and give recognition to the significance of the Holocaust for people of all faiths. Special Guest: Alice Eichenbaum, who was in Bulgaria during the Holocaust and whose family suffered greatly at the hands of the Nazis, will speak of the importance for us all of remembering the Holocaust.

Some of CBJ’s students and adult members, as well as our rabbi, will participate in this event. Preceding the observance in the Community Center, at 6:00pm we gather briefly at the Holocaust Memorial Monument, in Beth Jacob Cemetery (weather permitting). Again, the event in the Community Center begins at 7:00pm. Please join us! Many individuals from our larger community are planning to come and, as hosts of this observance, it would be especially appropriate for CBJ to make a good showing.

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YOM HA-SHOA (Holocaust Memorial Day). Partly in recognition of the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto, Yom Ha-Shoa — the 27th of Nisan, right after the conclusion of Passover — came to be dedicated as a day of memorial for the victims of the Holocaust. While the rebellion of the Warsaw Ghetto ended in Physical disaster for the Jewish, its spiritual legacy endures. The resistance of the Ghetto Fighters has become an inspiration to Jews everywhere and especially in Israel, where the Jewish people has had to struggle for survival in the face of overwhelming odds.

YOM HA-ATZMA'UT (Israel Independence Day). The Fifth of Iyyar (originally May 14, 1948). This day celebrates the Jewish people's survival and revival -- and the return of many scattered remnants, called to rebuild the ancient homeland of Israel.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM (Jerusalem Day). This most recent minor festival recognizes the reunification of Israel's historic capital city as a result of the Six Day War. The commander of the battalion that captured the Old City of Jerusalem in 1967, Co. Mordecai "Motta" Gur, described himself as a realist then. Yet he said that he could not describe the overwhelming feeling that came upon him when his troops first reached the Western Wall. After the war, his experience became the subject of a gentle Israeli joke. "Question: If you are a realist, how is it you speak as though you believe in miracles? Answer: If you are a realist in Israel, how can you not believe in Miracles?"

SHAVU'OT. The great Festival of the Torah occurs just one week after Yom Yerushalayim. In ancient days, Shavu'ot was one of the three Pilgrimage Festivals (along with Passover and Sukkot). In 1967, the greatest Pilgrimage in nineteen hundred years of Jewish history took place on Shavu'ot. Hundreds of thousands of Jews from all over Israel and around the world trekked to Jerusalem to go to the Wall, there to give thanks that their lives had been preserved so that they might reach that happy day.

The period of Sefirah, linking our great springtime Festivals of Passover and Shavu'ot, embraces only seven weeks. Yet, during the traditional counting of these days of the Omer, much of the recent history of the Jewish people, including aspirations, suffering, and renewal, has been commemorated and expressed. Mo'adim l'Simcha! May these days bring you cause for rejoicing!

Rabbi Lawrence Silverman

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BROTHERHOOD NEWS

As of April 2011, CBJ Brotherhood has 32 “dues paid” members. An increase of almost 6.7%. Wow! If only our 401Ks could do as well?!!!! Certainly we’re still looking to increase our ranks. We do seem to be a “needy” bunch! To increase our ranks it takes a whopping 18 bucks! No doubt you have better uses for that money..... like possibly having someone doodle the first of many inappropriate (and badly done) tattoos (which will, in the next ten years, end up somewhere near your ankles)or sending someone you’re not too fond of, that fruitcake they don’t necessarily want? Brotherhood (on the other hand) gives you the opportunity to see those 18 bucks grow into the investment that will benefit CBJ for generations to come. By the way, I also have a bridge for sale!!!

In late February, Brotherhood hosted one of their (now) famous Breakfasts....this one titled: “Those were the days...my friends”. The featured speakers were Rose Geller, Ray Russo and Mel Klasky. We had about 45 who enjoyed everything from the bathroom jokes our geriatric speakers shared with Chief Masasoit to the sumptuous breakfast and YOU MISSED IT!!! These erudite speakers filled our hearts and minds with laughter and the knowledge that “everything old is new again”.

Brotherhood gave out FREE hot dogs and popcorn to anyone coming to the carnival in costume to the March 20th Purim Carnival. Collecting the \$1 per item for those not wearing a costume seemed to be a problem in that those Mensa applicants manning the Brotherhood booth couldn’t tell the difference between those in costume and those not in costume.. The fact is, that in support of PTO.....we ran out of food. Someone equated the scene as being in the middle of a “feeding frenzy” as seen on the Discovery Channel during “Shark Week”.

We also planned a “Game Day” for Sunday, April 10th. We also canceled “Game Day” for Sunday, April 10th. GAME DAY WAS to be a family and mixed family tournament play of Monopoly. There were to be PRIZES for each table and FUN GALORE!!! With the generous help from P.A.R.T.Y. food (of course) was planned too. Thank goodness we had an R.S.V.P....because we got considerably less than the overwhelming response we anticipated. Well, we will keep trying. This is YOUR Brotherhood. We’re trying to involve family and friends in something unique and dignified. Did someone mention “Dwarf Bowling”??? It seems that everything is on the table these days.

Bowling the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. No....you don’t have to be physically or mentally capable. Just look at those who are playing on a regular basis.

Also the occasional cheap dinner with raw meat and a movie with no redeeming quality. WHAT FUN!!!!???

Let's not forget our continuing sponsorship of the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse. We've collected over 900 pounds of non perishable foods, and need your help in our continuing effort to help our neighbors in need. The next time you are able to go shopping for your family, put in an extra few bucks for some non-perishable food for those who can't afford to go shopping for their family. You can drop those food items conveniently at either the CBJ Community Center OR the synagogue.

Lotsastuff!!! Lots happening!! Lots of excitement! Hope you’re part of it!

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Freed, In Memory of Linda Rothstein's
Mother, Beatrice

NCB Finers Sales

Alyce and Arnold Gladstein, In Memory of Jeffrey Hirschorn
Rose Stone

Yahrzeit Fund

Carol Gilber, In Memory of Charlotte Lippman

Elayne Kalaminsky

Mel Klasky, In Memory of Hyman Klasky

Sheila Finer

Michael Schwartz

RESNICK FUND

Mr and Mrs. Mel Klasky, In Memory of Josef Van West
Resnick Trust, In Memory of Joseph Resnick

RABBI'S CALLING HOURS

10 AM to 12 PM

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

(508)746-0010

Rabbi's "Emergency Number"

will be this same number.

Email Rabbi Silverman at
rabbi@cbjplymouth.org

RABBI'S MITZVAH FUND

Anonymous

In Loving Memory of My Mother,
STELLA LEAPMAN

By Bernice Stevens

In Memory of Beloved Mother,
BEATRICE KLEIN

By Lynn and Richard Rothstein

PLEASE NOTE:

The Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund supports special educational and charitable projects for the benefit of 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 important throughout the year.

Please direct gifts and dedication instructions to Rabbi Silverman. (Checks payable to CBJ-Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund and sent to P.O. Box 3284, Plymouth, MA 02361)

Your support is always appreciated.

HINENI

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Jacob announce the initiation of a new program (Hineni) to provide one-time or short-term services to congregants. To this end, a number of congregants have volunteered to provide rides, meals, and other similar assistance as needed and requested.

For examples, rides to Temple for services, programs, and meetings as well as to appointments can be arranged. Meals will also be provided on a limited basis.

All congregant requests will be maintained in the strictest of confidentiality. Any requests for assistance should be directed to the program coordinators, Steve and Suzanne Goldberg @ 508-833-8896, or Rabbi Silverman @ 508-746-1575. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed.

Yahrzeits During May/June

Please note: Yahrzeit observance begins the evening preceding the date shown.

MAY

7	Jacob Keller	17	Walter Kilimnik
8	Estelle Pokross Sherman	17	Marc Lipetz
9	Ruth Lipman	17	Herman Michaels
9	Samuel Cohen	19	Theodore Strauss
14	Helen Pearce	20	Joseph W. Swartz
18	William Lippman	20	Lloyd Anderson
22	Arnold Shelly	23	Dora G. Bell
23	Stella S. Bromberg	23	Ruth Cohen
24	Harvey F. Cohen	24	Vera Marcus
27	Miriam Polak Lelyveld	24	Hattie Resnick Waterman
28	Kalman Aharoni	25	Jack Gurwitch
30	Ida Portnoy	27	Leon Bromberg
		28	Myer "Mike" Starr
		29	Ruth Putnam Sherman
		30	Frances Taub

JUNE

2	Jacob Erie
3	Ada Greenberg
4	Lawrence Geller
5	Rae Baron
8	Minnie E. Kaplan
10	Walter Wise
11	Solomon Bromberg
16	Edith Lipetz

Notes on Yahrzeit observance:

We have been completing a leap-year in the Jewish calendar; and Yahrzeits in March and April will appear later than they did a year ago.

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.



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

Members, Guests and Friends of CBJ:

I am happy to remind you of a program that was recently started here at Congregation Beth Jacob. We have instituted a new method to inform fellow Jews: both members and their families and friends of CBJ, of the annual yahrzeit dates of their loved ones. Once you have supplied the names and dates (either Hebrew or English) of those whom you wish to remember, you will receive notification approximately three weeks in advance of the yahrzeit date. There is no charge for this service. We feel that it's important to supply this service to all interested Jews.

I realize that our members have furnished this information when they joined CBJ. We ask those of you who have not done so to supply this information again so we can be sure our records are up-to-date and accurate.

This program is separate from your listings in our annual Yizkor Book of Remembrance.

Please send this information to:

Congregation Beth Jacob
Attn: Arnold Gladstein
P O Box 3284
Plymouth, MA 02361

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Yizkor Book 5772 *We Remember Them*

The form for our next Yizkor Book is now available and is due by June 17, 2011 (see page 8). Did you know that you can make a special donation of \$180 per page, with a two page maximum of \$360, to dedicate our annual Yizkor Book? It is a wonderful opportunity to share your special sentiments and a photo to honor the memory of CBJ friends or family members. We are pleased to announce that the 5772 Yizkor Book has already been reserved by the Aharoni Family to be dedicated in memory of their parents Kalman and Toby Aharoni. The proceeds from your generous annual donations to our Yizkor Book are vital to the CBJ General Fund. Thank you for your continued support of our congregation.

DO A MITZVAH!

Please help us support the Plymouth Food Warehouse—Bring a non-perishable food item each and every time you come to the Community Center or Synagogue. Plymouth Food Warehouse has a total overload of green beans! Canned fruit is in short supply as well as jams/jellies to go with all the peanut butter.

PARTY - PLYMOUTH AREA TEMPLE YOUTH

PARTY is now on Facebook!! Follow this link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Plymouth-Area-Temple-Youth-PARTY/150294908357736> or search for Plymouth Area Temple Youth on Facebook. See photos of PARTY members Erica Burke and Ben Waltuch as they enjoy a variety of NFTY events! Interested in learning more? Email us at party@cbjplymouth.org.

Christine Burke
PARTY/Jr.PARTY Advisor



HOW TO REACH US AT CBJ

Synagogue (508) 746-1575 (Messages can be left here)

Community Center (508) 732-7359 (No messages can be left here)

Rabbi Silverman (508) 746-0010 during Calling Hours and in Case of Emergency (Confidential messages can be left at this number). Exception: When one knows that Rabbi Silverman is at the Synagogue, for example, for Hebrew School or Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons, then it makes sense to try the Synagogue number first.

ADULT ED

On May 5th at 7pm at the synagogue, Adult Ed offers an individual perspective of the Holocaust presented By Harry Shamir at 7pm at the synagogue

On May 16th from 7-9 at the synagogue, Steve Fraga will present a 2,000 year perspective of the Holocaust as a climax to Judeo-Christian history ~ an hour lecture on the Holocaust to be followed by questions and discussion. For questions or concerns contact Steve Fraga at 508-823-5853 or sffraga@comcast.net.

BEIT SEFER NEWS

Our students have been working towards continuing the theme of Tikun Olam! During the first week of April, students held a walk-a-thon and collected donations of canned goods as part of our Ecology Unit. We also have discussed how we can reuse, reduce and recycle at the Community Center, our homes and in the community.

The Purim Carnival was once again a big hit. Students heard the reading of the Megilla and participated in fun games and had delicious hamantashan, popcorn and cotton candy. Thank you for the PTO for organizing this event and also to the Bortherhood and Sisterhood who also supported the event.

Students dipped apples in yummy chocolate syrup during our Chocolate Seder. On April 10th, students participated in a mock Passover Seder where all the items on the Seder Plate were made out of chocolate! It was a fun way to learn the story of Passover and the meaning of all the items on the Seder Plate.

The Beit Sefer closing event will take place on May 22nd. Stay tuned for more information!

Limud Torah/Torah Study Group

We are continuing our study of the Book of Daniel. Wonderful narratives, including stories and accounts of "visions." No Hebrew required (or Aramaic!). Please feel free to join us any week or each and every week. Our study sessions are on most Mondays from 8:30 to 10:00 am, at the Synagogue. In the coming weeks, we plan to meet on the following dates: May 2, 10 (Tuesday, same time), 16, and 23; June 6, 13, and 20. When we conclude Daniel, we are promoting the possibility of studying parts of Talmud Tractate Sanhedrin. Check the Weekly Update for details.

The deadline for the July/August issue of The Tent is June 15th!

Please submit news and articles via email to: cgburke65@verizon.net

Congregation Beth Jacob
Yizkor Book *We Remember Them*
2011-12
5772

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
- _____ Dedication - Full page of text, photo optional @ \$180 per page (two page maximum)
- _____ Half page memorial sentiment @ \$ 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.

Please accept the enclosed total tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to memorialize my loved one(s) in the 2011-2012 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 17**. Please send them in the envelope provided to :
Barbara Aharoni, 37 Dwight Avenue, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

Questions about this form? Please call Barbara at 508-747-0805. email: ahaba@juno.com

MAY 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Beit Sefer 9:45am Interfaith Observance of Yom Ha-Shoa 7pm (CC)	2	3	4	5 Holocaust Lecture 7pm (S)	6 Simcha Shabbat Service— conducted by Brotherhood 7:30pm (S)	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	14
15 Beit Sefer 9:45am	16 Holocaust Lecture 7pm (S)	17	18	19	20 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	21 Shabbat Service 9:30am (Bat Mitzvah)
22 Beit Sefer— Closing Ceremonies 9:45am	23 Executive Board Meeting 7pm (S)	24	25	26	27 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	28
29	30	31				

Holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the dates listed.

JUNE 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3 Simcha Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	4
5	6	7 Confirmation Graduation 7pm (S)	8 Shavuot	9	10 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	18 Shabbat Service 9:30am (Bat Mitz- vah)
19	20	21	22	23	24 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	25 Shabbat Service 10am (Bat Mitz- vah)
26	27	28	29	30		

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