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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!”

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI SILVERMAN

Here's a change of pace for this column: some food for thought and perhaps a stimulus for action.

“Why should I join the Synagogue?” someone might say. “After all, I'm a good person. I follow the rules of society; I try to contribute to society as well. Why do I need organized religion?”

Answer: The high code of ethics by which you have committed yourself to be guided is itself a heritage from the teachings of the Synagogue. If this code of ethics has proved to be such an important force in your life, it is worthy of being kept alive and carried forward into the next generation even as it was brought forward into your generation and mine. You can also contribute your own insights and experience to the making of a better future for your family and your community. Very few people are totally without religion, even among those who call themselves “non-religious.” There are obviously differences in how many people express their religious commitment. In the world there are individuals who use their religion to justify horrible acts; we hear about them all too often in the daily news. I believe that the true purpose of religion in general — and of Judaism in particular — is to call us to the highest ethical standard. Religion in its essence exists to lead us along moral pathways in our lives. The Jewish congregation, is, and has been, a source of inspiration and a sign of Jewish tradition and values. The Synagogue exists to teach us, to unify us, and to direct us to embody those values in our own lives. It is of no particular credit to the individual to claim, “I am a good person in my daily life” — that is what we *should* be in our daily lives.

Morality, which upholds and harmonizes human relationships; the basic laws of society; the code of ethics which guides all business relations; and medical ethics; these expressions of morality are all to be found in organized religion, in the centuries of teaching generated, preserved, and held up for us to understand and to practice.

Rabbi Lawrence Silverman

5773 HOLIDAYS

- Sun., Dec. 9, Hanukkah
- Sat., Jan. 26, Tu Bishvat
- Sun., Feb. 24, Purim
- Tues., Mar. 26, Passover
- Sun., Apr. 7, Yom Hashoah
- Mon., Apr. 15, Yom Hazikaron
- Tues., Apr. 16, Yom Haatzma-ut
- Sun., Apr. 28, Lag Ba'Omer
- Wed., May 15, Shavuot



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Congregants,

As many of you already know, Plymouth Town Meeting voted by a wide margin to purchase our Community Center for \$365,000. The expectation is that our building of some thirty-four years will become a new performing arts center, a great asset to the Town of Plymouth and surrounding areas. We are very pleased with the sale of our Community Center in that it will help insure our own financial security and for the pleasure it will bring to our greater community while fulfilling its new role. At this time I want to reassure all of you that our Executive Board is very busy developing plans for a smooth and efficient transition from two buildings to one. We are actively exploring all aspects of building use, a secure and comfortable locale for Beit Sefer, suitable accommodations for all future community religious events, a home for Brotherhood breakfasts and Sisterhood events, storage of our precious and necessary belongings, and the myriad of other considerations and new opportunities this important move will create. Please feel free to email me at fsarke@gmail.com should you have any particular concerns, questions or ideas to help make this transition as successful as possible. As always, I will keep you posted regarding all major changes and decisions.

Fred Sarke

President, CBJ

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is in the midst of its membership drive. We have 3 levels of support, \$25.00, \$36.00, and \$54.00. Make checks payable to CBJ Sisterhood and send to Suzanne Goldberg, 106 Cliffside Dr., Plymouth, MA 02360.

We are busy planning our fall activities. On October 13th Susan Breslow continued our "How to Series", teaching ten of us how to make her ruffled scarfs.

Just in time for Thanksgiving, on Nov. 3rd, Merlie Verdetta and Vicky Fitzgerald taught us how to make Linzer Torte.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 13th @7:00 P.M. at the Synagogue.

We will be discussing the Adult Hanukkah Party, Movie Night, and the Pound Auction. We will also be discussing the effect of the sale of the Community Center on Sisterhood events.

Our annual adult Hanukkah Party is **Tuesday, December 11.** This is the 2nd Tuesday of the month as Hanukkah is the 9th-16th. The location is TBA.

Stay tuned for more information about our January meeting on the 8th—dinner and a movie!

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BEIT SEFER

We've had a great start our Beit Sefer school year! The children have enjoyed starting the year with a unit on the Fall Holidays. They enjoyed stories, lessons, and crafts in addition to the many special services. We enjoyed our Sukkot celebration as 2 days of rain stopped just in time for the children (and many adults) to decorate the Sukkah. We were even able to hold the service in the Sukkah as the skies cleared up. Special thanks to the PTO for providing pizza following the service. Following the Fall Holidays unit, the children began an Israel unit. Then we will move on to our Kings unit.

We need your help! Beit Sefer is in need of individuals willing to substitute when a teacher is absent. If we can get a few more volunteers we won't need to call on anyone more than once. Please note that you must complete a CORI form with Elayne Kalaminsky in order to substitute. Contact Laura Finkel regarding your willingness to be added to the Sub List.

Come Shmooze with Harry Shamir on Beit Sefer Sundays from 10-10:30 using conversational Hebrew. This would be a great way for some of our newer parents to meet each other and network. The experience of raising Jewish children in our multicultural world and providing a Jewish education is a challenge that is made so much easier when you have friends with a common purpose. Your kids are becoming friends. How about you?


Does anyone remember growing up in a "shtetl" environment when we all knew it was a mitzvah to share Shabbos dinner with others? It still is, and CBJ is our little shtetl. It would be wonderful if we could start a new kind of outreach to each other. Shabbat is the perfect time.

Beit Sefer Dates to Remember

- Friday, November 2nd - Simcha Shabbat at Synagogue
- Sunday, November 4th - Conclusion of Israel (part 1) unit
- Sunday, November 11th, 18th, and December 2nd - Kings unit
- Sunday, December 9th - Chanukah Party - no Beit Sefer in morning
- Friday, December 14th - Simcha Shabbat at Synagogue
- Sunday, December 16th - Craft Day at Beit Sefer

Beit Sefer Wish List: DVDs of the 2010 Shalom Sesame Series. We already have Vol.1 "Welcome to Israel", Vol #11 "Monsters in the Sukkah" and Vol #12 "Adventures in Israel" We would like to have Volumes # 2-10 to complete the set.

Beit Sefer Donation: Our CBJ Beit Sefer DVD library recently received the "Shalom Sesame DVD, Vol.11 "Monsters in the Sukkah" from David and Karen Miller in honor of the naming ceremony for their daughter Jaquelyn Sage (Tova) Miller on Nov 11th.



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Greetings one and all,

My message is to thank those who support our gift card program and to make a plea to those who aren't yet a part of the CBJ Gift Card Program. Your regular participation is strongly urged. By doing so you will help to ensure the continued financial health of our Jewish community in the greater Plymouth area.

Since the high holy days we have added four new families. Additionally we are approaching the \$400,000 mark in gross revenues in the several years of the programs existence. We are indebted to the eighteen families who consistently support the program through their monthly orders. It is a fact that the current subscribers net contributions for the fiscal year ending June 30th equaled \$6,000. However we still have a deficit and the simplest way to shore that up is with your participation.

I ask myself why there are several regular customers who aren't members of CBJ. If these folks see the benefit to CBJ don't you think you should jump on the band wagon and support the program as well? This is truly a no brainer fundraiser and has no impact on your budget as the monies you'd be spending are funneled into this program and the direct benefit is reduction or elimination of the deficit. If half of the CBJ families that aren't in the program join and they purchase just \$100. a month in grocery store (Shaw's, Hanaford, Stop & Shop and The Market at Pine Hills) cards CBJ realizes an approximate profit of \$1800. You can do the math and see where \$200 or \$400 or greater participation from the congregation would take us.

In addition to those supermarkets we also carry in stock Whole Foods, L.L. Bean, Subway, CVS, Panera, Dunkin Donuts, Olive Garden, Sally Beauty Supply, WalMart, and Papa Gino's/D'Angelo's. Feel free to browse through the user friendly web site of our card supplier (www.glscrip.com) and get a feel for the scope of cards available. If you'd like us to inventory a specific card monthly just let us know. At this time DeMoula's/Market Basket, Costco, BJ's and Mary Lou's are not available. We even have provisions in place for monthly purchases and payment terms.

Each time you use these cards you are giving a gift to our beloved CBJ and that is why we call these gift cards. Please consider joining this most worthy cause and help support the financial stability of CBJ.

As the famous Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav said, "Rejoice so greatly in performing MITZVAH that you will desire no other reward than the opportunity to perform another MITZVAH."

Thank you for your anticipated participation.

Carl Finer

CBJ Fundraising
508-224-1942 or email @ cjfiner@gmail.com



The Congregation sends a hearty "Mazel Tov" to...

- Bruce Shulman on the Bar Mitzvah of his son, NOAH EVAN SHULMAN
- Irene and Fred Sarke on the Naming of their newest Grandson, ANDREW RILEY MANUS, son of Julie and Jeremy Manus



DONATIONS**Yahrzeit Fund**

Michael & Sandra Schwartz, In Memory of Dorothy Schwartz
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 Harriette Minsky, In Memory of Ray Susso
 Deborah Cohen, In Memory of her mother, Rose Cohen
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 Jeff & Franny Shelly, In Memory of Philip Liss
 Irene & Fred Sarke, In Memory of Louis Lipetz
 Dr. & Mrs. Donald Gilbert, In Memory of George Gilbert

General Fund

Tom & Charlotte Guerriero

Ray and Milly Russo Cultural Heritage and Arts Fund

Mark and Kimberly Russo, In Honor of Ray & Milly Russo

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 02361). Your support is always appreciated.

LIMUD TORAH/TORAH STUDY GROUP

We continue our study of a collection of Midrash (rabbinic stories and commentaries, in this case on the Torah). We meet most Monday mornings from 8:30 until 10:00, at the Synagogue. Hebrew is helpful, not required, as we read our texts in English. Meetings continue on these dates at the regular time: November 5 and 19.

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 November/December

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

October

30 Mark Lelyveld
31 Trude Weishaupt

November

1 Dora Goodman
Sally Jaffee
Miriam Toabe
2 Sophie Dorf
Charlotte Roe Gerber
Elissa Teles
3 Gida Michaels
4 Celia Bello
5 Mildred Segal
Marshall Meltzer
6 Sadye Meltzer
7 Herman Roe
8 Israel Pokross
9 Lisl "Alice" Wise
10 Edward Baler
11 Gerald Wiseman
12 Julius Meltzer
Louis Resnick
13 Abraham Goldberg
Gladys Zimmerman
16 Mildred Goldberg
I. Richard Goldstein
18 Kebe Toabe
Harold Cohen
19 Morris Russo

22 Celia Starr
23 Albert Shiff
25 William Lashin
27 Albert Lesser
30 Pearl Breslow
Sara Sherman

December

1 Theodore Greene
2 Albert Sarke
3 Alice Resnick
Eleanor Weiss
4 Julius Sepet
Haim (Carlo) Shamir
6 Harold Ross
7 Ann Winkler
8 Frances Kaufman
Max Krenis
Tina Liss
Hyman Goober
9 Frieda Roe
Sylvia Righter
11 Aba Taub
12 Marion Shuman
13 Stanley Resnick
14 Pauline Resnick
Martin Herman
I. Edward Ginsburg
15 Nathan Hirschhorn

17 Evelyn Abramson
18 Marie Luise Katz
19 Samuel Berger
Anna Toabe
20 Jessica Strauss
Bernard Berman
22 Edwin Goldberg
23 Louis Coffman
27 William Smick
28 Martin Rubin
29 Louis Sherman
Kay Sugerma Cohen
Rhode Burstein
30 Kay Hodosh Falstein
Ruth Ross
31 Samuel Gereboff

January

1 Melvin Bloom



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

Notes on Yahrzeit observance:

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.

Members, Guests and Friends of CBJ:

I am happy to remind you of a program that we offer at Congregation Beth Jacob 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
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*****HOW TO REACH US AT CBJ*****
Synagogue 508-746-1575 (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.

RABBI SILVERMAN'S CALLING HOURS:

Rabbi Silverman observes Calling Hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am - noon. In case of emergency, messages may always be left at 508-746-0010.

CBJ SOCIAL ACTION

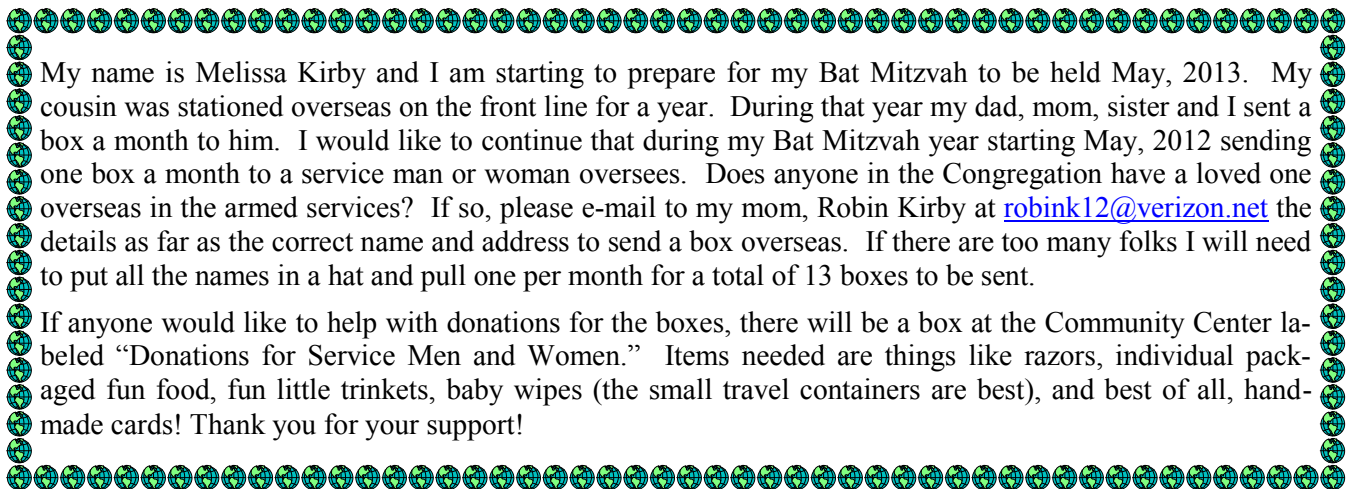
HOSPITALITY FOR THE HOMELESS

In cooperation with the Plymouth Area Taskforce for the Homeless and the Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association, CBJ will once again be supporting Nights of Hospitality for the Homeless, which begins at the end of October, and which will be located in one of the churches in our neighborhood. While we may not be able to use our Community Center as a Hospitality site this season, our participation is still very important; and our neighbors are counting on us. We are asking for voluntary contributions to support the program in three ways. 1) Chaperones (two per night); 2) Meal Providers (supper for the chaperones and 15-20 homeless individuals whom we refer to as our "guests" -- some subsidies may be available; and 3) Cash contributions, which help with all kind of expenses involved in the running of the program. For more information, please contact Rabbi Silverman: 508-746-1575, at the Synagogue; or 508-746-0010, during "Calling Hours."

To volunteer as a chaperone or meal provider, please contact Shellie at 508-746-3026 (she works at one of our neighboring churches). Contributions may be sent in the form of checks made payable to the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund, and sent to the Rabbi's attention at P. O. Box 3284, Plymouth 02361.

PJ LIBRARY

Free Jewish Books and DVDs age appropriate for children from infancy to age 5. Private funds support this wonderful preschool program. Each month the child will receive a free book or DVD of Jewish content. No kidding. For information about this super program and how to sign up a child or children just go to their website www.pjlibrary.org



My name is Melissa Kirby and I am starting to prepare for my Bat Mitzvah to be held May, 2013. My cousin was stationed overseas on the front line for a year. During that year my dad, mom, sister and I sent a box a month to him. I would like to continue that during my Bat Mitzvah year starting May, 2012 sending one box a month to a service man or woman overseas. Does anyone in the Congregation have a loved one overseas in the armed services? If so, please e-mail to my mom, Robin Kirby at robink12@verizon.net the details as far as the correct name and address to send a box overseas. If there are too many folks I will need to put all the names in a hat and pull one per month for a total of 13 boxes to be sent.

If anyone would like to help with donations for the boxes, there will be a box at the Community Center labeled "Donations for Service Men and Women." Items needed are things like razors, individual packaged fun food, fun little trinkets, baby wipes (the small travel containers are best), and best of all, hand-made cards! Thank you for your support!

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Simcha Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i>	3
4 <i>Beit Sefer 9:45am (CC)</i>	5 <i>Limud Torah/Torah Study 8:30am (S)</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i>	10
11	12	13 <i>Sisterhood Meeting 7pm (S)</i>	14	15	16 <i>Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i> <i>Oneg: Sherri Sore and Family</i>	17
18 <i>Beit Sefer 9:45am (CC)</i>	19 <i>Limud Torah/Torah Study 8:30am (S)</i>	20	21	22 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	23 <i>Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i> <i>Oneg: Elaine Kalaminsky</i>	24
25	26 <i>Executive Board Meeting 7pm (S)</i>	27		29	30 <i>Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i> <i>Oneg: Gladstein</i>	

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

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Beit Sefer 9:45am</i>	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i>	8
9 <i>Hanukkah Beit Sefer Hanukkah Party (TBA)</i>	10 <i>Hanukkah</i>	11 <i>Hanukkah Sisterhood Hanukkah Party (TBA)</i>	12 <i>Hanukkah</i>	13 <i>Hanukkah</i>	14 <i>Hanukkah Simcha Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i>	15 <i>Hanukkah</i>
16 <i>Hanukkah Beit Sefer 9:45am</i>	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i>	22
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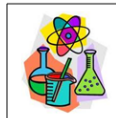
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