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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!”

MARCH/APRIL 2015

HOLIDAYS

5775

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

March 5 Purim

April 4 Pesach



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CBJ Congregants,

As I write this we are experiencing another record-breaking snowfall in Massachusetts. We have now had FOUR big storms this winter and bitter cold temperatures. Spring seems a long way off as we hunker down and weather the winter as New Englanders do. I hope that everyone is staying safe and warm during these seemingly endless days of snow and cold.

So just for laughs, I am sharing with you excerpts from an article I found on www.haruth.com:

A Jewish Guide to Shoveling Snow - By Jordan Max

LAST YEAR, in Toronto, we had a lot of snow. I spent many hours shoveling snow. Shoveling snow is boring work, and after a while a mind tends to wander. So I resolved that this year I would be prepared with lots to think about. I researched and sent letters to key Jewish figures, polling them for their keen insight on shoveling snow. Their responses:

Ariel Sharon - "The important thing is to shovel the entire width and breadth of the driveway, regardless of what anyone else thinks."

Ehud Barak - "You must shovel most of the driveway, but the exact dimensions of shoveling will be determined in discussions with our neighbors. No wait, you can shovel only in places where snow had previously fallen, but you cannot shovel in places where no snow had fallen - wait, don't do any shoveling until you hear from me!"

Yossi Sarid - "You should not shovel any part of the driveway, since you really do not have any valid historical or legal claim to the driveway, and it will soon be given back to its rightful owners."

Artscroll Hilchos Sheleg ("Laws Regarding Snow; Ashkenaz version, chapter 5) - "First approach the snow with the proper kavanah, meditating on the concept of snow removal. Recite the "...Who commanded us concerning the shoveling of snow" benediction," then take three steps back, bend the knees slightly with feet together, then look at the snow, lift shovel and dig, turning right and then left, bend knees fully, take three steps forward and deposit snow deliberately. Repeat until done, then recite the Sheheyanu benediction, go indoors and have a hot drink, remembering to say the Shehakol brocha (see Artscroll Hilchos on Drinking Hot Liquids)..."

Tikkun Magazine - "What right do we have to violently take snow from its rightful resting place? Snow has rights: each snowflake is a unique individual, and we have absolutely no right to do anything with it. Let the snow decide for itself what it wishes to do, and then if it wishes to be shoveled, do so humanely."

Birthright Israel - "It does not matter how the shoveling is done, but the very act of Jewish teenagers shoveling snow for ten consecutive days, under proper supervision, will have a lifelong impact on Jewish identity."

Now, if I could just find my boots.

JWR contributor Jordan Max is a Toronto-based humorist and columnist for The Canadian Jewish News. This article appeared on www.haruth.com.

Shalom,

Christine Burke, President CBJ

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BEIT SEFER NEWS

Beit Sefer News

In January we welcomed Emily Burke to our Beit Sefer staff as the teacher for our youngest class. Emily spent the first half of the year working as a teaching assistant in our 3rd/4th grade class. I had the opportunity to watch her interact with the students and was so impressed. Emily continues to demonstrate a natural talent for teaching as she works with our preK-2nd graders. Her strong background knowledge is a reflection of the Jewish education she received at CBJ. We're so lucky to have her on board!

During our Judaism in the Home unit, the children enjoyed many crafts including making a paper mezuzah, decorating challah covers, and making beeswax Havdalah candles. In addition, they learned about many of the traditions and rituals that occur in the home of a Jewish family. In March and April, we focus on spring holidays, Purim, and Pesach. Once again, we will enjoy a "traditional" Chocolate Seder. What a sweet way to end the school year.

Thank you to everyone on the Purim Carnival Committee. Our annual Purim Carnival will be held on March 15th. It was great having so many parents involved in the planning of this festive event. As one of our younger students said, "Our parents do all the hard work so we get to have all the fun!"

The last event that needs planning is this year's Family Fun Day which will occur on Sunday, May 3rd following our Closing Ceremony. I will plan to meet with parents at 10:00 on Sunday, March 22nd to discuss ideas for this event.

March 1 st	Spring Holidays unit	Confirmation at 10:25
Friday, Mar. 6th	Simcha Shabbat @ 7:30pm	
March 8 th	Spring Holidays unit	
March 15 th	Purim Carnival	Confirmation at
March 22 nd	Pesach unit	
March 29 th	Pesach unit	Confirmation at 10:25
April 5 th	No Beit Sefer - Easter/Passover weekend	
Friday, April 10th	Simcha Shabbat @ 7:30pm	
April 12 th	Chocolate Seder	Confirmation
April 19 th & 26th	No Beit Sefer - School Vacation	
Friday, May 1st	Simcha Shabbat @ 7:30pm	
May 3 rd	Closing Ceremony & Family Fun Day	Confirmation 10:25

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Sisterhood News!

Hi All!

Well, there's no question that Winter is on us with full force. As I write this, 10 days after the Blizzard of 2015, I'm looking at a huge snow bank still blocking my front door. My plow guy says to leave it alone and it will go away eventually - possibly by August!

In the meantime, Sisterhood is rolling along. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our January Dinner and Movie Night - not enough people to make this one worthwhile. We are discussing maybe making it a Lunch and Movie instead, so people don't have to go out on a winter night. If you've got strong feelings about it, let me know (thanks to those of you who have already)!

By the time you read this, we will have held our Annual Pound Auction on February 7th. We are expecting a good turnout, although not quite as large as previous years. I think more people are fleeing to parts warmer in the winter these days. Still, it's a great event, and we plan to keep it going in the future. Again, if you have ideas or suggestions about it, please feel free to share them.

Coming up in March are the Sisterhood Shabbat Service and Oneg on Friday, March 20th, and our new Antique Roadshow on Sunday, March 22nd, after Beit Sefer. Look for more information on these coming soon - I'd love to have as many of you participate as possible!

Our next Sisterhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM at CBJ. These meetings are the best for giving us feedback, suggestions and concerns, and we have snacks, so please join us if you can!

And as always, we still need hosts for our Shabbat Onegs. **This program is too important and unique to let go** - so we'll be continuing to communicate with you about it. If you have a Simcha you want to celebrate, please think about doing it with us. You can contact me at marjorieyndell@yahoo.com if there's a special date you'd like to host.

Finally, don't forget our regular Torah Study Groups with the Rabbi (dates to be determined), our Passover Oneg on April 10th and the Donor Luncheon on May 17th. More to come on all this shortly. Thanks to you all for your help and support of Sisterhood, CBJ and me!!!

Marjorie



BROTHERHOOD NEWS!

Let me spare you the frivolous rhetoric and “get right to it.” CBJ Brotherhood has worked, and will continue to work, for the betterment of this congregation and this community. We have exceeded the 4,000 lb. mark in the donation of non-perishable food items to The Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse. In addition, in our continuing efforts to expand this food drive throughout this past holiday season, we have contributed \$1,040 in gift cards thanks to the contributions from our CBJ family. We have also, more than doubled our donation to the Congregation Beth Jacob General Fund from last year.

No doubt most of you HAVE A LIFE. And, I’m sure much of that life is prioritized up the kazoo. Well, we’re not asking for a time commitment. Sure...we’d like you to be more involved, but if that’s not possible, at least give us your support. We need that support with your membership. As indicated above, much of our existence is our commitment to our synagogue, our Sisterhood and our community. In addition to these commitments, we also have available to you our “sumptuous” breakfasts (with intriguing, thought provoking speakers), our bi-monthly bowling (such as it is), our movie nights, visits to other venues. I can go on and on (which, unfortunately, I usually do).

The bottom line is...YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNTS! For a mere \$25 you too can be a part of a group of marginally intelligent men, who aside from their superficial interests, exist to help YOUR community as well as YOUR synagogue. We need your membership to hopefully provide the diversity of ideas to help make this work for us ALL. So please send your TAX FREE (\$25) membership dues (made out to: CBJ Brotherhood) to: Seth Teles, 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360. It will give you one less thing to atone for next Yontif!

If you’re not interested in our “sumptuous” breakfasts (with intriguing speakers), or what we laughingly refer to as “Bowling” (twice a month), or the Bingo, or helping our Sisterhood or PTO in any way we can, maybe you can relate to the fact that every year we donate $\frac{3}{4}$ of our treasury to the synagogue. So the more we have in our coffers, the more is given back to our (and your) synagogue.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th. We welcome anyone who feels that they can help us grow and continue to expand in our efforts to support this synagogue and this community.....and can do it without taking themselves too seriously.

Greetings and salutations to one and all,

Dan Hirschhorn

(CBJ Brotherhood)

DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Fund

in memory of Frank Goldberg by Mark and Laura Goldberg
 in memory of Lawrence Friedman by Mark and Laura Goldberg
 in memory of Miriam Toabe by Rhonda & Joseph Solomon-Ross
 no name by Richard & Susan Breslow
 no name by Lois & Arnold Weiss
 in memory of Nathan Hirschhorn by Dan & Ronnie Hirschhorn
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 in memory of Bernard Riback by Dan & Ronnie Hirschhorn
 in memory of Adeline Winokur by Jacqueline & Steve Winokur

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 in recognition of Paula & Joe Keller's special anniversary by Isabelle & Russ Kushner
 in recognition of Paula & Joe Keller's special anniversary by Judith Riegelhaupt
 in memory of Charlotte Resnick by Michael Resnick
 in memory of Pauline Resnick by Bernard Resnick

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Resnick Family Education Fund

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in recognition of Rose Geller's 96th birthday by Alan & Judith Sherman
 in appreciation to Carole & Saeed Jabbawy by Alan & Judith Sherman

MISC

PLEASE NOTE:

Contributions to the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund are always welcome and, during the winter months, are especially needed. Checks should be made payable to "CBJ-Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund" and sent to the Rabbi's attention at P.O. Box 3284, Plymouth, MA 02361. Please include your dedication instructions. A note will be sent to the person (s) honored by your gift or to the family of someone in whose memory a contribution is made.

HINENI

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Jacob are continuing (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 coordinator, Suzanne Goldberg @ 508-833-8896, or Rabbi Silverman @ 508-746-1575. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed.

Yahrzeits During March/April

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

Yahrzeits for March/April

(Observance begins the preceding evening)

Yahrzeits: March/April

(Yahrzeit Observance begins the evening before the date shown)

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

MARCH

- 1 Dinah Van West
- 2 Lillie Pokross
- 2 Sylvia Wippman
- 4 Sarah Rebecca Cohen
- 4 Sally Sarke
- 5 Rebecca Kirschner
- 6 I. Harry Keller
- 6 Betty Balton
- 7 Elizabeth Rains
- 7 Rose Goldberg
- 9 Eleanor Azerrad
- 10 Beatrice Klein
- 11 Susan Starr
- 11 Adele Hollander
- 12 Ben Lipman
- 12 Barbara Hirschhorn
- 13 Adele Baler
- 15 Sadye Arons
- 17 Phillip Van West
- 17 Isidore H. Waterman
- 18 Henry Grace
- 18 Samuel Bailey

- 18 Philip Van West
- 19 Charlotte Lippman
- 19 Samuel Bailey
- 19 Lawrence Hollander
- 22 Bernard Skulsky
- 22 Janet Kalaminsky
- 23 Ida Herman
- 24 Jeffrey Hirschorn
- 25 Isaac Cohen
- 25 Bessie Shepard
- 27 Samuel Poretsky
- 30 Mary Jane Katz
- 30 Joseph G. Resnick
- 30 Henry Arnold Black
- 31 Molly Skulsky

APRIL

- 3 Sadye Sherman Gereboff
- 3 Albert Silverman
- 3 Louis Segal
- 5 Ida Cohen
- 5 Mitchell Toabe
- 5 Leah Supornick
- 5 Henry Feinberg
- 5 Samuel Poretsky
- 6 Hyman John Klasky
- 7 Fannie Penn
- 11 Max Winokur
- 11 Joseph Weiner

- 12 Joseph Barney Van West
- 12 Joseph Greenberg
- 15 James Moore
- 16 Day of Holocaust Remembrance
- 16 Eleanor Goldberg
- 18 Leigh Robinson
- 22 Morris Bindow
- 22 Jacob Keller
- 23 Estelle Pokross Sherman
- 24 Ruth Lipman
- 24 Samuel Cohen
- 24 Estelle Epstein



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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
 Plymouth, MA 02361

*****HOW TO REACH US AT CBJ*****

508-746-1575

(Messages can be left here)

Rabbi Silverman can be reached at 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.

MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 Beit Sefer 10:25 Confirmation Class	2	3 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting Brotherhood Bowling	4	5 Purim	6 7:30 Simcha Shabbat Services Oneg: Laura Finkel	7
8 9:45 Beit Sefer Daylight Savings Time	9	10	11	12	13 7:30 Simchat Shabbat Services Oneg: Len & Elaine Freed	14
15 9:45 Beit Sefer Purim Carnival Confirmation Class	16	17 Brotherhood Bowling	18	19	20 7:30 Sisterhood Shabbat Services Oneg: Sisterhood	21
22 9:45 Beit Sefer 12:00 Antique Road Show—Sisterhood	23 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	24	25	26	27 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg: Margery & Arnold Kanter	28
29 9:45 Beit Sefer 10:25 Confirmation Class	30	31				

APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 1st night Passover - NO SERVICES	4
5 NO Beit Sefer	6	7 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting Brotherhood Bowling	8	9	10 Simcha Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Sisterhood	11
12 9:45 Beit Sefer 10:25 Confirmation Class	13	14	15	16	17 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Linda & Richard Rothstein	18
19	20	21 Brotherhood Bowling	22	23	24 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Elissa Davis in honor of her parents	25
26	27 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	28	29	30	1 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg:	2
May 3 9:45 Beit Sefer Closing Ceremonies 10:25 Confirmation						

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