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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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HOLIDAYS

5776

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

March 24 Purim

April 23 Passover



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Shalom All!!

As I write this article, I’m looking out at snow from our most recent storm, and hoping that maybe it will be the last of the season, but I seriously doubt it.

The upcoming months have much in store for CBJ members! By March, the Adult Education Committee will have the Taste of Judaism course, developed by the Union of Reform Judasim and led by Barbara Aharoni, running for three consecutive weeks. The Committee will also be bringing you a special guest speaker in April - Ms. Sagit Sade Attia from the Department of Innovation and Economic Affairs of the Israeli Consulate in Boston, who will be discussing Israel’s current economic state.

On March 23rd, we will celebrate Purim with a reading of the Megillah and a supper of pizza and homemade Hamantaschen. Everyone is encouraged to attend and come in costume!

And of course there’s one of the biggest developments of the New Year! I’m pleased to announce that the CBJ Board has hired our own Linda Myer to be part-time Cantorial Soloist. Linda recently earned a Certificate in Jewish Sacred Music at Hebrew College in Newton, Mass. after a 5-year period of study. She will co-lead Friday night services with Rabbi Silverman twice monthly. One service will be our family-oriented Simcha Shabbat, usually the first Friday of each month, and the other will be a general service. These will be listed in the weekly bulletin.

Other musical events will include the return of Stephen Brickman, who performed for us at Hanukkah, and Lloyd Rosenberg, who played for us at a recent Shabbat service, along with other musical guests and performances. If you or someone you know is musically inclined, please don’t hesitate to step up. We’d love to hear you!

As always, Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be offering fun events and there will be opportunities for all of us to be involved in Tikun Olam. Keep your eye on your CBJ Weekly Update for all the latest information!

Best to you all,

Marjorie

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As I write this brief commentary, Purim is still more than a month away, and then, a few weeks later, Passover will come. Passover will conclude on the customary date in the Jewish calendar which, this year, will coincide with the last day of April. This year in the Jewish calendar is a leap-year; and one consequence of the leap-month will be the relative lateness of Purim and Passover. Incidentally, another consequence will be that Passover and the Christian Festival of Easter will be almost a month apart.

Purim, the Feast of Esther, and Passover, our Festival of Freedom, are often associated with one another because, whether it is a leap-year in the Jewish calendar or not, they occur only one month apart. 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 in the Book of Esther and in the Rabbinic literature 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 Silverman



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood continues to host activities through the winter and into Spring. Our Torah Study group meets with Rabbi Silverman on Monday mornings at 11:00 a.m. at the Temple. Our March schedule is the 7th and 21st. Please feel free to join us whenever your schedule allows.

March 1 meeting: this will be a planning meeting for the rest of the year. Please come with your thought and ideas for programming and fund raising. 7 p.m. at the Temple. Coffee and dessert.

PURIM: Sisterhood will sponsor the pizza and Hamentaschen for the Megillah reading on Wednesday, March 23rd. RSVP to Ronnie Hirschhorn aprocess@aol.com or 508-747-7216 by March 20th.

We are hoping to get a group together to go to the Spire to see Wait Until Dark. We are looking to go either Sat., March 12 or Sat., March 19. This event is open to anyone who wants to join us. Seats are first come, first serve. The Doors open at 7:30 for an 8 p.m. start. Tickets for seniors are \$18.00. RSVP to Suzanne sgold3016@comcast.net or 508-833-7531.

Irene Sarke, Sue Winokur and Jackie Winokur will lead us in a book discussion of Geraldine Brook's "The People of the Book". Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Temple. Coffee and Dessert. (See the CBJ weekly for more information on the book.)

GREAT NEWS! Our Donor Luncheon will be Sunday, May 15th at Carmela's. As most of you know, Carmela's had a fire in the beginning of January.

Sisterhood is pleased to announce that they made over \$800.00 on gift wrap this year. Kudos to Robin Hunter and her merry, merry bunch of Hanukkah elves that went to the Kingston Mall to aide Hadassah in this fundraising event. The \$800.00 has already been donated to CBJ to help defray the costs of new programming.

Please plan to join us for as many activities as you can. For details, please read the Sisterhood news column in the CBJ weekly that arrives in your email on Sunday.

BEIT SEFER



BEIT SEFER AND CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

March 6th	10:00 Beit Sefer	
March 13th	10:00 Beit Sefer	10:30 Confirmation
March 20th	10:00 Beit Sefer	PURIM CARNIVAL
March 27th	No Beit Sefer	
April 3rd	10:00 Beit Sefer	10:30 Confirmation
April 10th	10:00 Beit Sefer	Chocolate Seder
April 17th	No Beit Sefer	
April 24th	No Beit Sefer	

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, March 23rd - MEGILLAH READING!

Purim begins this year on Wednesday, March 23rd. This is the happiest, most fun festival of the Jewish calendar and you definitely want to be there! We will celebrate the Feast of Esther by reading the Megillah (cheering Esther and Mordechai, hissing and booing at Haman.) The party will be complete with costumes, pizza and homemade hamentaschen! A good time will be had by all! 6:00 pm dinner–6:45 Megillah reading!

Reservations are required! Please RSVP to Ronnie Hirschhorn at aprocess@aol.com or 508-747-7216 by Sunday, March 20th and let her know how many in your family will be attending.



Tikun 'Olam

There is a lot going on in both the Adult Ed and the Tikun 'Olam activities this month:

Pls set aside March 16 for Barbara Aharoni's "A Taste Of Judaism", and April 9th , 6-8, to hear the the Israeli Consulate's Economic expert discuss truly momentous developments in the MidEast on the economic front, that will change the whole MidEast scene for the better. Registration is necessary for both.

Tikun 'Olam is also in the process of finding out what we could do as a Congregation to assist a school in a refugee camp of Syrians in Jordan, based on the premise that it is more important to assist refugees near their home, than after migration to all over the planet.

The Director of Economic Affairs at Israel's Consulate in Boston to Speak on Israel's Economy Saturday, April 9th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at CBJ

The public is invited to attend a talk by Ms Sagit SadeAttia, Director of Economic Affairs at Israel's Consulate in Boston. The topic is Israel's economy, with mention of the Midstream Project, to be followed by Q&A. This event will take place at CBJ on Saturday, April 9th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, with a reception following. All members of the public are invited to attend, free of charge. Please RSVP to Harry Shamir at Fencing_SaEF1@verizon.net before **April 2nd**.

Harry Shamir

What Does It Mean to Be Jewish?

We are Glad You've Asked... So Here it is.... A Free Basic Judaism Course for You Wednesdays, March 2nd, 9th and 16th 7-9pm
at the Synagogue

- Today many Jews in America come to synagogues to become Jewish.
- Perhaps they don't know how, but want to learn why and how to express their Jewish identity.
- Some are married to non-Jews and not sure how to answer their partners' questions about Judaism.
- When their children ask about G-d they want to know how to answer with the benefit of collective wisdom.
- The fact they are Jewish draws them because they are searching for its meaning in their lives, and for the lives of their children.
- What does it mean to be Jewish?

Now you are being offered an opportunity to learn, to question, to explore what basic Judaism is; a heritage waiting to be learned. A FREE Basic Judaism course is being offered for adult members of CBJ and their extended families and friends. It will be three Wednesday evenings, March 2nd, 9th and 16th, so our parents and Beit Sefer educators will be able to attend. The two hour sessions are 7-9 pm, with a short refreshment break. Based on URJ's curriculum "A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious" the course will be conducted by our own Geveret Aharoni. She recently taught this course to the Bible study class at the Second Congregational Church in Manomet. " I was honored to take part in Barbara's class along with my husband and his church study group. I have always been comfortable with my Jewishness, but now I am extremely proud." -Susan Moore Zahreciyan Many of our congregants have asked for this program, now is up to them to register. Registration is required. Space at the synagogue is limited. To register contact Barbara Aharoni by email at ahabubs@gmail.com or by phone at (508) 465-0357.

Stocking the pantry
and raising money for
CBJ...



CARD PROGRAM!

Haven't gotten on the band wagon yet with the CBJ gift card program? Why not? It's easy and convenient and it doesn't cost you a dime to earn rebates that go directly to CBJ. And now, trying it out just got even better!

For a limited time, all first-time gift card orders will have their rebates **MATCHED** by the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund! What more could you ask for? Once you try it and realize how easy it is to earn money for CBJ, we think you'll be hooked!*

Here's how it works...just place a new customer order with Carl Finer (cjfiner@gmail.com) or 508-224-1942) and the Rabbi's Mitzvah fund will donate a matching gift to CBJ equal to the amount that you earned with your gift card purchase. For example, if you purchase \$100 in Stop & Shop gift cards, you earn \$xx in a rebate directly to CBJ, and the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund will donate an additional \$xx to CBJ. How cool is that?!

But wait...these cards aren't just for groceries! There are hundreds of other retailer cards that you can purchase. Like CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Target, and Home Depot. And who doesn't like to go out to eat? You can dine out and raise money for CBJ by ordering gift cards for Panera, Chili's, TGI Friday's, and Olive Garden.

So don't wait...place your first-time order today and help support CBJ.

*Matching rebate applies to first-time gift card customers only.

DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Fund

Bennys in Memory of Samuel & Sadye Gereboff
 Laura & Mark Goldberg in Memory of Lawrence Freedman
 Dan & Ronnie Hirschhorn in Memory of Nathan Hirschhorn
 Joe & Paula Keller in Memory of Babl & Irene Keller
 Joe & Paula Keller in Memory of Harry Keller
 Donna & Burton Matross
 Richard & Linda Rothstein in Memory of Isedore Rothstein
 Fred & Irene Sarke in Memory of Sally Sarke
 Harry Shamir & Barbara Aharoni in Memory of Harry's father, Dr. Carlo (Haim) Shamir
 Harry Shamir and Barbara Aharoni in Memory of Rina Strumsky Shamir
 Sherri & Ed Sore in Memory of Elaine Brown
 Sheila Toabe in Memory of all the Toabes, Shermans and others of our families
 Lawrence & Susan Winokur in Memory of Adeline Winokur
 Stephen & Jackie Winokur in Memory of Adeline Winokur
 Jacqueline & Stephen Winokur in Memory of Harry Keller

General Fund

Roberta Gershon in Memory of her husband and Beth Hadfield's father, Martin Gershon
 Dan & Ronnie Hirschhorn in Honor of Bernard Riback & Mae Hirschhorn

Rose Fund

Allan & Judith Sherman in Memory of Louis Sherman & Max Krenis

Mitzvah Fund

Rabbi—Karen Goldstein Plaque
 Roberta Gershon in Memory of her husband and Beth Hadfield's father, Martin Gershon

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.



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DONATION FORM

Date:

I am (we are) pleased to contribute \$_____ - a donation to the fund indicated below (please print legibly):

Contribution From (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Reason for donation:

Please send acknowledgment card to (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

All checks payable to CBJ unless otherwise noted below

Mail to PO Box 3284 Plymouth MA 02361

How do you wish your donation to be listed in the tent? Ie. From the family of Robin Kirby or listed as Robin Kirby

Please check which fund your donation was made:

- General Fund
- Beth Jacob Trust Fund
- Yahrzeit Fund
- Ray & Milly Russo Cultural Heritage and Arts Fund
- Resnick Family Education Fund
- Estelle Pokross & Hyman Sherman Fund
- Abraham & Sarah Sherman Fund
- Adeline & Reubin Winokur American Jewish History Prize Fund
- Jacob & Minnie Kaplan NFTY Institute Fund
- Richard Shiff Fund
- Weishaupt Stamp Fund
- Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life
- Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund (check should be payable directly to this fund and mailed to the Rabbi's attention)

YAHARZEITS DURING NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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

YAHARZEITS FOR MARCH/APRIL

(Observance begins the preceding evening)

MARCH

- 1 Barbara Hirschhorn
- 2 Adele Baler
- 4 Sadye Arons
- 8 Charlotte Lippman
- 9 Eleanor Azerrad
- 10 Beatrice Klein
- 14 Saul Sokolow
- 21 Dinah Van West
- 22 Lillie Pokross
- 22 Sylvia Wippman
- 24 Sarah Rebecca Cohen
- 24 Sally Sarke
- 25 Rebecca Kirschner
- 26 I. Harry Keller
- 26 Betty Balton
- 27 Elizabeth Rains
- 27 Rose Goldberg
- 30 Susan Starr
- 30 Adele Hollander
- 31 Ben Lipman

APRIL

- 6 Phillip Van West
- 6 Isidore H. Waterman
- 7 Henry Grace
- 7 Samuel Bailey
- 7 Fannie Penn
- 9 Lawrence Hollander
- 10 Janet Kalaminsky

- 11 Bernard Skulsky
- 11 Ida Herman
- 12 Jeffrey Hirschhorn
- 18 Henry Arnold Black
- 18 Joseph G. Resnick
- 18 Mary Jane Katz
- 22 Louis Segal
- 22 Isaac Cohen
- 22 Bessie Shepard
- 22 Morris Binday
- 22 Albert Silverman
- 22 Sadye Sherman Gereboff
- 22 Molly Skulsky Balonis
- 24 Mitchell Toabe
- 24 Leah Supornick
- 24 Ida Cohen
- 24 Henry Feinberg
- 24 Samuel Poretsky
- 24 Ruth Lipman
- 24 Samuel Cohen
- 24 Estelle Epstein
- 24 Lillian Goober
- 24 Samuel Cohen
- 24 Beatrice Weiner
- 26 Helen Pearce
- 29 Max Winokur
- 30 Joseph Weiner
- 30 Joseph Barney Van West

MAY

- 2 Barry S. Meltzer
- 3 Hyman J. Klasky
- 3 James Moore
- 4-5 Yom Ha-Shoah (Day of Holocaust Remembrance)



"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:

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 Attn: Arnold Gladstein
 P O Box 3284
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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 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Sisterhood Mtg 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	2	3	4 7:30 Simchat Shabbat Oneg: Ann and Sam Rajkovitch	5
6 10:00 Beit Sefer	7 11:00 Torah Study	8 6:30 Brotherhood Discussion at John Carver Inn	9	10	11 7:00 Shabbat Serv. Oneg: Larry Rosenblum	12
13 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:30 Confirmation	14	15 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	16	17	18 7:00 Shabbat Serv. Oneg: Larry Rosenblum	19
20 10:00 Purim Carnival	21 11:00 Torah Study	22	23 6:00 Dinner RSVP Required 6:45 Megillah Reading	24	25 7:00 Shabbat Serv. Oneg: Larry Rosenblum	26
27 NO BEIT SEFER	28 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	29	30	31		

APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 Simchat Shabbat Oneg: Noelle Bashore	2
3 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:30 Confirmation	4	5 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	6	7	8 7:00 Shabbat Serv. Oneg: Robin Kirby Carol Gilbert	9 6:00 pm Speaker on Israel's Economy
10 10:00 Beit Sefer Chocolate Seder	11	12	13	14	15 7:00 Shabbat Serv. Oneg: Laura Finkel	16 10:00 Bat Mitzvah Hannah Finkel
17 NO BEIT SEFER	18	19 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	20	21	22 NO SERVICES 1st Night of Passover	23
24 NO BEIT SEFER	25 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	26	27	28	29 7:00 Shabbat Serv Oneg: Sisterhood	30