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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 2011
 ISSUE**

5771 HOLIDAYS

Sun, March 20, Purim
 Tues – Tues, April 19-26, Pesach
 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.*



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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI SILVERMAN...

A "Purimspiel" (Yiddish for "Purim Play") is a traditional dramatization based on the Book of Esther and performed on or about the time of the Feast of Esther, that is, Purim. The Purimspiel appears to have started 250 to 300 years ago in Eastern Europe. It generally satirizes the characters in the Purim story: King Achashvayrosh, Vashti, Haman, Mordechai, Esther, et al.; and ordinarily such satire would have been deemed inappropriate for the synagogue. But on Purim, "anything goes," right?

Yes, it is so, anything goes. The Purimspiel and the holiday of Purim itself became so much enjoyed and loved by the Jewish people that Purimspiel-type performances spread to other Biblical stories as well, such as "Joseph and His Brothers" and "Daniel in the Lions' Den." When times were tough, as they often were, nothing was as soothing and uplifting as a story with a happy ending about the Jewish people's ancient heroes. Usually the Purimspiel used non-professional people as actors. One favorite form, especially for children, involved the use of puppets.

The foregoing background brings us to an amazing discovery that took place only a year ago: a manuscript of a Purimspiel, composed by Walter Freud (no relation to Sigmund) and written in the prison camp of Terezin/Theresienstadt. Freud was an accomplished puppeteer. He was 25 years old when he was deported by the Nazis, in the spring of 1942, to Terezin. He immediately began staging puppet shows for the children. He directed performances for the Jewish holidays. In 1943, the Zionist Youth organization in Terezin celebrated Purim using Freud's original Purimspiel. In good traditional fashion, even in such a place, his text was a comic one. His script combined freely the Biblical characters with scenes that gave insight into the prisoners' lives. The Purimspiel included: a cabaret song about gossip in the camp; scenes about the young Zionists' love of labor and their dedication to the land of Israel; vignettes showing their struggles to learn to speak modern Hebrew; and moments of great tension and fear turning into triumphal relief. In the grand finale, Esther, Mordechai, the King, and Haman (still around) all sang a comic refrain based on a German folk-song.

Can we imagine it? There is so much spirit and power in the make-believe of this so-called "minor" holiday of Purim. All honor to Walter Freud, of blessed memory -- and to those who remember the Jewish people's history, as we celebrate Esther's feast.

Rabbi Lawrence Silverman

BROTHERHOOD

As of February, 2011, CBJ Brotherhood has 30 “dues paid” members. Not bad from where we were (which was ZERO). But we’re nothing if not greedy. We’re still looking for those manly men who think that the \$18 dues is somehow too much of a commitment. Of the 30 members, we have about ten or so who can be counted on at any given time to help us all when help is needed. They are, of course “the usual suspects”. We know them. We love them. They make us feel guilty for just standing still. Here’s hoping we can increase their ranks. The future of CBJ depends on it.

By the time you get this article, Brotherhood will have celebrated its’ second Brotherhood Breakfast. This one titled: “Those were the days...my friends”. The featured speakers are Rose Geller, Ray Russo and Mel Klasky. There should also be some additional cast of characters. Their combined knowledge no doubt will have covered the last 500 years of history in Plymouth. That’s right...some of these folks go back even before we met the Native Americans. No doubt the sumptuous breakfast will have filled our bellies as much as these erudite speakers filled our hearts and minds with laughter and knowledge of days gone by.

Brotherhood will also be actively involved with the PTO sponsored Purim Carnival on March 20th. We will be giving out FREE hot dogs and popcorn to anyone coming to the carnival in costume. Some of us will no doubt be getting those free hot dogs and popcorn because it always looks like we’re in costume.

“Game Day” is planned for Sunday, April 3rd. GAME DAY involving family and mixed family tournament play of Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble and Mexican Train Game. There will be PRIZES for each table and FUN GALORE!!! Yes...there will probably be Food too. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee (yeah...we have to make some bucks on this too. We’ll also have to pay for some nosh...and don’t forget those gift prizes). Each table will be awarded a gift card for the top score. Reservations are needed to determine how many tables to set up.

With the help of one of our favorite “Brothers”, Carl Finer...in conjunction with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Foundation, we are planning on hosting an Electronics Collection event as a fundraiser. Specifics to follow. (continued on next page)...

CONGREGATION BETH JACOB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sheila Finer – President

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Mel Klasky – Member-at-Large

Susan Moore – Member-at-Large

Irene Sarke – Member-at-Large

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Arnold Gladstein

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Larry Winokur

BROTHERHOOD CONTINUED...

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!

By the way...there are still available membership openings (at a mere 18 bucks). So be on the inside "looking out" rather than the schnook on the sidelines trying to figure out how to get inside and join your CBJ Brotherhood now before the future passes you by.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

I have been volunteering at the Plymouth Food Warehouse on Wednesdays. They are thrilled with the response from the parade, and all the local foods drives. Here are some hints I'd like to pass on...

Forget about those cheap not very nutritious Mac and Cheese, rather spend your money on nonperishable's they need for now: canned meats other than tuna (chicken, ham, Spam, salmon), bottled/canned juice, hot cocoa mix, canned milk, cold cereal, cereal or granola bars, crackers condiments especially jam, jelly, or Fluff (for all that peanut butter they get), grated cheese, salad dressing, mayo, mustard etc. Small cans of vegetables and individual servings of items such as fruit and microwaveable soups/stews/beefaroni, etc are collected to give to elderly singles at COA, Meals on Wheels.

Check those expiration dates! No expiration date on a package means it will be tossed out, so check before you donate something you purchase or take from your shelf at home. Anything with an expiration date BEFORE Jan 2010, a year ago, is only used by the Salvation Army. Would you give that to your family to eat?

FYI on a regular basis Panera donates its leftover bagels and pastries, Olive Garden donates cooked pasta and sauce. That all is divided and picked up by feeding programs along with their weekly "shopping". That is so nice to know!

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 March/April

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

MARCH

2 Albert Roth
4 Charlotte Lippman
10 Saul S. Sokolow
11 Max Shriber
12 Hy Sherman
13 Ida Toabe
16 Edith Keshen Albert
17 Dinah Van West
18 Lillie Pokross
18 Sylvia Wippman
20 Sarah Rebecca Cohen
20 Sally Sarke
21 Rebecca Kirschner
22 Betty Balton
23 Elizabeth Rains
23 Rose Goldberg
25 Eleanor Azerrad
26 Susan Starr
27 Adele Hollander
28 Ben Lipman
29 Adele Baler
31 Sayde Arons

APRIL

2 Phillip Van West
2 Isidore H. Waterman
3 Henry Grace
3 Samuel Bailey
4 Lawrence Hollander
6 Bernard Skulsky
6 Janet Kalaminsky
7 Ida Herman
9 Isaac Cohen
9 Bessie Shepard
14 Mary Jane Katz
14 Joseph G. Resnick
18 Sadye Sherman Gereboff
18 Albert Silverman
18 Louis Segal
20 Ida Cohen
20 Mitcehl Toabe
20 Leah Supornick
20 Henry Feinberg
20 Samuel Pretsky
22 Fannie Penn
26 Max Winokur

27 Joseph Barney Ven West
30 Hyman John Klasky
30 James Moore

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 10). 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.

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—December Institute at Camp Eisner in Great Barrington, MA, and the 33rd annual Winter Wonderland event in Manchester, NH where they enjoyed a fabulous day of tubing at Gunstock Mountain.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported PARTY's recent Valentine's Bake Sale - your donations to our CBJ Youth Group are greatly appreciated!

PARTY has a busy spring planned, kicking off with our 2nd Annual Macaroni and Cheese Dinner (and contest) preceding our Shabbat Across America Service on Friday evening, March 4th. March 5th is NFTY's Temple Youth Group (TYGor) weekend, and we will be traveling to Temple Beth Am in Framingham for dinner and entertainment with other youth groups. PARTY will also be entertaining our Beit Sefer students at the Purim Carnival coming up on March 20th, and then will be heading down to Hyannis to join CAPTY (Cape Temple Youth from the Cape Cod Synagogue) for lunch and ice skating. April 1st brings NFTY's Spring Conclavette in Great Barrington, MA.

Sound like fun? Of course it is...because PARTY knows how to party! Interested in learning more? Email us at party@cbjplymouth.org.

Christine Burke
PARTY/Jr.PARTY Advisor



A HEARTY "MAZEL TOV" TO:

Sandy and Mike Schwartz, on the birth of their Grandson,
OWEN JASON KATZ
son of Emily and Adam Katz.

ADULT EDUCATION

PROGRAM ON NORMATIVE ISLAM, MARCH 21, 7PM AT THE SYNAGOGUE

Steve Fraga, Chair of our Adult Ed. Committee, will be joined by Rabbi Silverman in presenting an introduction to the faith of Islam. This program is organized to help prepare our members for the visit by Imam Talal Eid in April. We believe this event will have value even for individuals who may not be able to attend the Imam's program. When we listen to the media, we are impressed with images that portray "Islamic extremists" and "fundamentalists". These are not the people who define what Islam is all about. This meeting will include some historical notes, some readings from the Quran (Koran), and time for questions-and-answers. We are committed to ending no later than 8:30. Please join us!

SAVE THE DATE!

IMAM TALAL EID TO VISIT CBJ ON SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

Hosted by the Adult Education Committee, this is a special invitation to members of Congregation Beth Jacob. The Imam's visit will be preceded, on Monday, March 21, by an evening program on "The Religion of Islam," which will give many of us background for our meeting with the Imam. Imam Talal Eid is a chaplain at Brandeis University and at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He is a teacher and scholar. He is a friend of Rabbi Silverman and of some of our members who met him when we visited the Islamic Center, in Quincy, and when he visited us many years ago. He can address, with eloquence and sincerity, many of the questions that have been raised about the goals of the Muslim community in American society.

Watch the CBJ Weekly Update and a special mailing. In the meantime, please SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 3, beginning at 3:30pm at the Synagogue. A reception will follow.

Limud Torah/Torah Study Group

We have begun a study of the Book of Esther, which will include a session when we will be able to look at our Congregation's beautifully written Megillah (Scroll of Esther). (No Hebrew required.) 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 a. m., at the Synagogue. In March and April our meeting dates will be (subject to change): February 28; March 15 (Tuesday), 21, and 28; and April 4, 11, and 26 (this last date is a Tuesday, following our service for the Eighth Day of Passover).

The deadline for the May/June issue of The Tent is April 15th!

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

ALL WRAPPED UP

This year's Hadassah Gift Wrap at Independence Mall was the most successful in the 25 years of Gift Wrap! Thanks to 17 CBJ supporters and Schleppers whose expertise helped make this year such a success. They made it possible for CBJ to have a 9% share of the profit. A total of 1247 hrs were contributed to this project of which CBJ supporters gave 217 hrs. 92% of the total hours were done by 13 people who put in 9 or more hours. Of that 13, 5 people were CBJers. David Cohen clocked in a whopping wrapping time of 60 hours. Other top Gift Wrap helpers for CBJ were Barbara Aharoni 49 hrs., Cindy Teles 30 hrs., Erica Burke 19 hrs., and Suzanne Goldberg 10 hrs. Thanks to everyone, Hadassah will continue lifesaving work and research on behalf of us all, and CBJ will continue its support of an active Jewish community in the Plymouth area.

BEIT SEFER NEWS

Beit Sefer students have had the opportunity to show their creative side over the last few weeks. During Craft Day students had a chance to make their own challah and challah cover, Shabbat candles along with candle holders and stained glass Shabbat wine/juice glasses. Students enjoyed working on the crafts and are looking forward to using the items at home on the holidays.

Over the last few months students have covered the Talmud and Judges unit. We are also continuing to talk about Tikun Olam – Repairing the World, which is CBJ's theme this year. After February vacation, students will be learning about B'Nai Mitvah and will be participating in a mock Bar/Bat Mitvah on March 19th at 9:30am at the Synagogue. On March 20th students will be attending our annual Purim Carnival after the traditional reading of the Megillah. Students will then be learning about Ecology and Tikun Olam.

Additional upcoming events include the Chocolate Seder on April 10th and our closing event on May 22nd. Stay tuned for more details!

PURIM CARNIVAL FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

Sunday, March 20 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
(After the 10:00 reading of the Megillah by Rabbi Silverman)



Newly revived: Costume Parade for ADULTS and CHILDREN

- ✧ Wear a costume and receive a free hot dog (otherwise hot dogs are \$ 1)
- ✧ Popcorn (Courtesy of the Brotherhood)
- ✧ Cotton Candy and Juice (Courtesy of the Sisterhood)
- ✧ Hamantashen (prepared by Beit Sefer)
- ✧ Games, activities and prizes for the kids (Courtesy of the PTO and supporters)

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse!

HOSPITALITY PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS

In cooperation with the Plymouth Area Taskforce for the Homeless and the Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association, CBJ once again took its place in a coalition of seven houses of worship to provide shelter for homeless individuals during this cold, stormy winter. Thanks largely to the efforts of Larry Winokur, who guided our application to serve as a shelter through the legal process, we were once again able to house the homeless men who came to us in our own Community Center.

Our assignment was to serve as a shelter for two weeks this winter. On average, 14 or 15 men came to us each night. We accomplished our assignment with great success, especially because of all the wonderful volunteers who came together to help us realize our goal. Rabbi Silverman and Mike Schwartz opened the facility and provided orientations for the chaperones. Our own "Master Chefs" brought in meals, or prepared them on-site, each evening.

On behalf of those people whose lives were made more safe and secure by our volunteers, we wish to give special recognition to all of them. (An asterisk means that the person served more than once or in more than one capacity.)

A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" TO:

Barbara Aharoni*	Michelle Massie
Noelle Babcock* (and Raine)	Linda Myer
Barbara Baron	John Rooney
Beth Jacob Brotherhood	Lloyd Rosenberg
Beth Jacob Sisterhood	Fred Sarke
Erica Burke	Mike Schwartz*
Steve Fraga	Rabbi Lawrence*
Mike Giorlando	Tovia Silverman*
Suzanne Goldberg*	Sherri and Ed Sore
Ted Gwilliam*	Adam Teles
Jeff Isaacson	Seth Teles*
Joanne Levy	Ben Waltuch
Anne Litchfield*	Phil Waltuch
Jay John*	Larry* and Sue Winokur
Steve Maher*	

INTERFAITH OBSERVANCE OF YOM HA-SHOA (HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY)

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, May 1 at 7pm (CC) for another wonderful speaker who will be sent to us by the Holocaust Education and Resource Center. Watch the Weekly Update for more details.

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

MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sisterhood Meeting 7pm (S)	2	3	4 PARTY Mac & Cheese Dinner 6:30pm (CC) Shabbat Across America Service 7:30pm (CC)	5
6 Beit Sefer 9:45am	7	8	9	10	11 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	12
13 Beit Sefer 9:45am	14	15	16	17	18 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	19 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am (S) - A Special Religious School Service - All are welcome!
20 PURIM Beit Sefer 9:45am - Reading of the Megillah and Purim Celebration	21 Adult Education Program - "The Religion of Islam" 7pm (S)	22	23	24	25 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	26
27 Beit Sefer 9:45am	28 Executive Board Meeting 7pm (S)	29	30	31		

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APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Simcha Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	2 Shabbat Ha-Chodesh Service 9:30am (S)
3 Beit Sefer 9:45am Adult Education Program - Imam Talal Eid Visit 3:30pm (S)	4	5 Sisterhood Meeting 7pm (S)	6	7	8 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	9
10 Beit Sefer 9:45am- Chocolate Seder	11	12	13	14	15 Shabbat Ha-Gadol Service 7:30pm (S)	16
17	18 First Passover Seder (At Home)	19 PESACH	20 PESACH	21 PESACH	22 PESACH Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	23 PESACH
24 PESACH	25 PESACH Executive Board Meeting 7pm (S)	26 PESACH Service for Eighth Day of Passover (inc. Yizkor) 8am (S). Followed by Limud Torah	27	28	29 Shabbat Service 7:30pm (S)	30