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THE TENT

A BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

5769 HOLIDAYS

- Feb 9 Tu B'Shvat
- Mar 10 Purim
- Apr 9 Pesach (I)
- Apr 21 Yom HaShoah
- Apr 28 Yom HaZikaron
- Apr 29 Yom HaAtzma'ut
- May 12 Lag B'Omer
- May 22 Yom Yerushalayim
- May 29 Shavuot
- Jul 30 Tish'a B'Av
- Sep 18 Erev Rosh Hashana

**-holidays begin on the evening before the date shown.*

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Rabbi's Letter

Winter has begun to enfold us in New England, even as the Lights of Chanukah reach their fullness. The energy and warmth we feel during the Festival of Lights may begin to fade, may even begin to feel far away. Yet we can still draw near to it or, if you will, draw it near to us. There are commitment, dedication, and knowledge within our congregation and community to generate an appreciation of our tradition any time of year. Often we find that we cannot experience this re-kindling of the spark alone; and that, in part, is what a community is for.

There is a story about two people who were lost in the forest, each with only a flickering candle for light. When the flame of one went out, the individual who was carrying the now-unlit candle saw in the distance the second candle! So, the two wanderers met along their way; and the extinguished candle was re-kindled. Some time later, the other one's light went out; and the same thing happened, so that each was able to help the other along the way. This idea is true in many ways in our life as a community. Sometimes I am able to give support and encouragement to others because they themselves have helped me along the way that we have in common.

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President's Letter

Building on a Century of Tradition

It is with great pride that I serve as your president during this momentous time in Congregation Beth Jacob's history. This year we honor our founding families' insight to create the Beis Jacob Society in 1909 and to watch it thrive from decade to decade and continue to offer a house of worship and learning for the greater Plymouth Jewish community. We're proud of what has been accomplished and we'll be celebrating all year long striving to continue these goals. Each month one of our Shabbat services will be in honor of a special group ~ past CBJ presidents, volunteers, those who celebrated a mitzvah at CBJ, native Plymouthians, etc. Watch for announcements and please attend to help recognize these members. May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be a special weekend long observance beginning with a Shabbat service with an outstanding speaker, followed by a dinner/dance and then a brunch and trolley tour of old Jewish Plymouth. Announcements and invitations will be mailed shortly. Please SAVE THE DATES and help us observe this wonderful accomplishment of reaching our 100th anniversary.

Sheila Finer

Brotherhood

Brotherhood needs a president – please contact Arnold Gladstein if you are interested.

We are enthusiastic, spirited and excited. We plan to become an important part of Congregation Beth Jacob. It is the goal of the Brotherhood to take an active part of our community. We plan to raise money to provide scholarship support for our religious school students in need of financial help.

We will be having 3 or 4 more breakfast or dinner meetings in the next 8 or 9 months. We plan to continue to go bowling on the first Tuesday of the month. We hope to schedule one or two fundraising events to help achieve our goal.

Please join us and help support our needy students. We have 3 levels of membership:

Supporting Member - \$18

Torah Member - \$36

Mitzvah Member - \$54

Make your check payable to:

CBJ Brotherhood

PO Box 3284

Plymouth, MA 02361

Sisterhood

Tuesday, Jan 6, 6:30 pm at the synagogue Paid up Supper It's simple. Just pay your sisterhood dues by Dec. 31, and you are invited to attend our dinner with the matriarchs. Sisterhood dues have gone up a bit this year, but at \$25 it's still a bargain. Mail your dues check to CBJ Sisterhood, PO Box 3284, Plymouth, MA 02361. This promises to be a delicious and informative evening. Call or email Cindy Teles (508-746-5607 or iacorna@aol.com) to make your reservation. If you'd like, you can wait to pay until that evening, but we do need your reservation a week in advance so that we may plan accordingly.

Sisterhood meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the synagogue. Please join us as we work to support CBJ and provide programming of interest to our members.

The ten micro-loans that we made through the Kiva project last year are well on the way to being fully repaid. Soon we will be able to help another ten women become financially independent.

PARTY – Plymouth Area Temple Youth

President Gabby Brooks

Advisor Robin Hunter

Plymouth Area Temple Youth group is open to all area youth. You don't need to be a CBJ member to join. Contact us at party@cbjplymouth.org or find more information on our temple website: www.cbjplymouth.org/PARTY.html

We are members of National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) Northeast. Find more information on this organization at www.nfty.org/ne

PARTY EVENTS

Post-December

January 10, 2009

NFTY Convention 2009

February 13-16, 2009

February Institute

February 19-22, 2009

Post-February

March 14, 2009

Spring Conclavette

March 27-29, 2009

Beit Sefer Beth Hadfield, Coordinator

We are happy to report that all is well with Beit Sefer. The committee's consistent and dedicated planning has resulted in creative, interesting, informative and (even) fun units.

By the time this is printed, we will have completed our Chanukah unit. We will have had 3 successful Sundays of a book sale, bake sale and craft fair. Our Chanukah Party will have taken place and we're sure that will have been a fun-filled and delicious event. We thank Sherri Sore and all those involved for their hard work and support of this event.

By now we will have started on our Literature II unit. Our sixth grade will be studying the Holocaust for the entire unit. This will include both a literary and historic overview of this seminal event of the 20th century. To reiterate, our committee has worked very hard all year to try to give your/our children the best, most creative programs possible. Next year and every year, we will be looking for new and refreshing ideas from new parental members of the Education Committee.

PTO – CBJ Parent Teacher Organization

A hearty Thank-you to all of you that helped organize and supported our Book and Craft Fair. This helps us to support the Beit Sefer Program.

Our next three meetings will be January 11th, February 8th and March 1st this coming year. An April meeting will be scheduled if necessary.

We will be planning the Purim Carnival as our next activity. We welcome any help and ideas for activities for all ages. Please call Gary Brooks with your thoughts. 508-295-0644

We need Parent chaparones for "Kids Party" if we are going to keep this program active. Sign-up sheet is in the Community Center.

We all wish everyone a safe & happy holiday season.

Donations

THE RABBI'S MITZVAH FUND

The Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund supports special educational and charitable projects for 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. Please direct gifts and instructions to Rabbi Silverman. (Checks payable to CBJ-Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund.) Your support is always appreciated.

Anonymous

In Memory Of Leo Abramson, The Father Of Sheila Finer

- By Harriette Minsky, Addie Lelyveld, Frimma And David Buckman, Rose Geller

In Honor Of Our Children And Grandchildren, Jeffrey & Tricia Liskov, And Sarah, Jonathan, & Nolan

-- By Marsha And Andy Liskov

Wishing A Happy New Year To Rabbi Silverman & Meredith

-- By Roxy Simpson

In Memory Of Sylvia Krenis, Mother Of Judith Sherman

-- By Dr. Barry And Fay Meltzer

In Memory Of Miriam ("Mimi") Ross Toabe

-- By Rose Geller

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Sheila Toabe

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Winokur

In memory of Mimi Toabe

Sayde Sherman Gereboff Fund

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Suan & Benjamin Barkley

In memory of Jay Efron

Rose Geller

In memory of John Balonis

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Beryl Geller

Sherman Geller

Jonathon & Carol Rothman & Family

TO THE RESNICK FUND:

Bernard Resnick

Bernice Kaufman

TO RAY & MILLY RUSSO FUND in honor of their 61st anniversary

Harriette Minsky & Morris Bloom

IN MEMORY OF LEO ABRAMSON (Sheila Finer's father)

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Ford

TO ELUL CANTOR FUND:

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Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rosenblum

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Schwartz

Joe, Paula & Dana Keller

In Memory Of Mimi Toabe

Ronnie & Dan Hirschorn

Anne Geller

Dr. & Mrs. Barry Meltzer

David Cohen/Nancy Golden

Rita Bailen

Harry Shamir & Barbara Aharoni

In Memory Of Dr. Ronald Asherson

Let's help the Elul Fund reach its goal!

A very generous anonymous donor has challenged us to raise funds to continue with our cantorial internship program. They will match dollar for dollar all monies donated up to \$2,750 to reach the \$5,500 goal. We're close so please consider a donation to help us top it off! Donations should be sent to CBJ, PO Box 3284, Plymouth MA 02361 and mark your check with 'Elul Fund.' Thank you for helping to enrich our congregation with this program.

Yahrzeit

Yahrzeit Observance begins the evening before the date shown
"May the Memory of each one abide as a Blessing"

JANUARY

Marie Luise Katz 1
 Samuel Berger 2
 Anna B. Toabe
 Ruth Dana 3
 Bernard Berman 3
 Samuel Arons 6
 Edwin Goldberg
 Martin Rubin 11
 Louis Sherman 12
 Nettie Green
 Kay Sugerman Cohen
 Kay Hodosh Falstein 13
 Ruth Ross
 Samuel Gereboff 14
 Melvin Bloom 15
 Helen Evans
 Adeline Winokur
 Ronald Goldberg 18
 Paula Lesser
 Isadore Albert 19
 Edith Kagan
 John Jacob Marcus 21
 Bessie Skulsky 22
 Shirley Lubin
 Hyman Aranowitz 23
 Mendel Aranowitz 26
 Rebecca Shriber 27
 Ruth Bornstein Strauss 28
 Emil N. Winkler
 Louis Policow 29
 Joseph Rains 30
 Philip Aranowitz 31

FEBRUARY

Charles Ginsburg 1
 Fred Greenbaum
 Michel Toabe
 Seymore Horenstein 2
 Annie Mankoff
 Shirley Greenbaum 3
 Manuel Kalaminsky 5
 Angy Moore
 Morris Rodman 7
 Mae Hirschhorn 8
 Sadie Stein 9
 Kay Levenson-Meltzer 11
 Abraham Toabe 16
 Cecille Rosen 17
 Ethel Berger 18
 Roberta Lipetz
 Rina Shamir (nee Strumsky)
 Hilda Keil Toabe 19
 Harry Dorph 22
 Adele Pevzner
 Arthur Rosenblum 23
 Ida Penn 24
 Jeanne Gurwitch 25

MARCH

Robert Arons 2
 Hyman Sherman

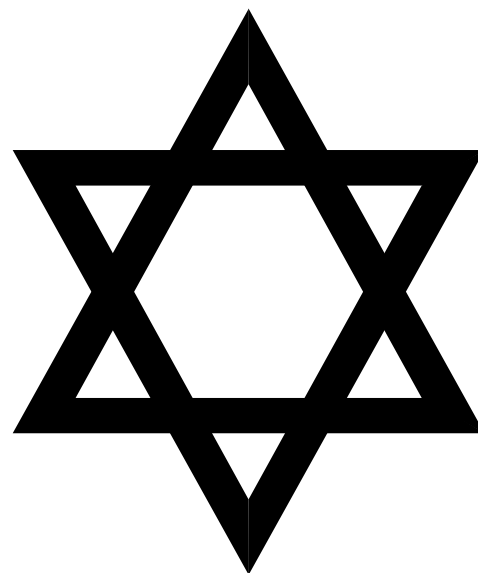
YIZKOR ELOHIM

The Congregation mourns the recent death of **Miriam ("Mimi") Ross Toabe** and offers condolences to her Family

The Congregation notes with sadness the recent death (in Florida) of our former member **John Balonis** and offers heartfelt condolences to Sandy Balonis and Family

The Congregation offers heartfelt condolences to Dr. Bryan Efron and Family on the recent, untimely death of his Brother, **Jay Efron**

*The Memory of the Righteous Will
 Endure as a Blessing*



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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR — Mary Waltuch

I am pleased to be taking over as Editor for The Tent. I have previous experience developing newsletters for a corporate investment firm as well as Nathaniel Morton Elementary School. I currently work in the Plymouth Public School system at Plymouth South High School. I am always open for new ideas and suggestions so please feel free to call or email me with your comments. I would like to know what type of information you would like to see in the newsletter. Please also bear with me as I work to create an updated design for the newsletter – I am having technical difficulties with the old format (I use a MAC) and am working on being able to incorporate the CBJ logos and clip art used in previous issues. On a personal note, I am thrilled to be a part of the CBJ community and look forward to meeting more of our members. You can reach me at mwaltuch@msn.com OR 508-747-4116

HOSPITALITY PROGRAM an update from Rabbi Silverman

THE HOSPITALITY PROGRAM - Our Shelter for the Homeless

Donations to the Hospitality Program were received in the form of services rendered, hot meals provided, and cash gifts. As this issue of The Tent goes to the Editor, we are in our second week this season of hosting the Hospitality Program in our Community Center's Weishaupt Hall.

The next issue of the Tent will acknowledge our many contributors to the Hospitality Program. In the meantime, suffice it to say that the individuals who come to us appreciate our efforts.

We acknowledge the entire Congregation and our Executive Board, which, once again, have taken part in this project with open hearts and open doors. Thank you!

Contributions to this project may still be sent to the CBJ-Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund, with the note "Hospitality Program" in the memo space.

NO PLACE FOR HATE COMMITTEE an update from Barry Meltzer

Tickets are available for the annual Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast.

LOCATION: Plymouth South High School.

DATE: Monday, January 19, 2009

TIME: 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Purchase tickets as follows:

Contact the NPFH email address Plymouthnpfh@gis.net or Rabbi Silverman.

Price of tickets is \$10 each and \$25 for family(up to 4 persons)

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!

The Plymouth NPFH needs volunteers to help us before and during the 2nd Annual Diversity day to be held on Sept.13 2009 1-5PM. Please respond at our website to Chairman @plymouthnoplacforhate.org

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Services 7:30pm Syn Oneg: Jeff Issacson	3
4 Beit Sefer & Preschool	5 Torah Study 8:30-10am Syn. Hebrew 1 st yr. 4-5:15pm Syn.	6 Hebrew 2 nd yr. 4-5:15pm Syn.	7	8 Hebrew 4 th yr. 4-4:50pm Syn. Hebrew 3 rd yr. 5-6:15pm Syn.	9 Simcha Shabbat Svc. 7:30pm Syn. Oneg: G2&3 Beit Sefer	10
11 Beit Sefer Confirmation 11:25-12:25CC	12 Torah Study 8:30-10am Syn. Hebrew 1 st yr. 4-5:15pm Syn.	13 Hebrew 2 nd yr. 4-5:15pm Syn.	14	15 Hebrew 4 th yr. 4-4:50pm Syn. Hebrew 3 rd yr. 5-6:15pm Syn.	16 Services 7:30pm Syn Oneg:	17 5:30 pm PARTY Shul-in Comm. Ctr.
18 PARTY Shul-in depart 9:00am Beit Sefer CC New Moon celebration 5pm	19	20 Hebrew 2 nd yr. 4-5:15pm Syn.	21	22 Hebrew 4 th yr. 4-4:50pm Syn. Hebrew 3 rd yr. 5-6:15pm Syn.	23 Services 7:30pm Syn Oneg:	24
25 Beit Sefer Confirmation 11:25-12:25CC	26 Torah Study 8:30-10am Syn. Hebrew 1 st yr. 4-5:15pm Syn. CBJ Board mtg. 7pm Syn.	27 Hebrew 2 nd yr. 4-5:15pm Syn.	28	29 Hebrew 4 th yr. 4-4:50pm Syn. Hebrew 3 rd yr. 5-6:15pm Syn.	30 Services 7:30pm Syn Oneg:	31 Shabbat morning service 10:00am Syn.

FEBRUARY

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15 NO BEIT SEFER	16	17	18	19	20 Services 7:30pm Syn Oneg:	21
Plymouth Public Schools – Winter Recess						
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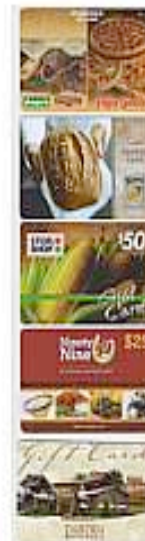
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