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מה-טבו אהליך. יעקב. משכנתך. ישראל!

"How lovely are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!"

5770 HOLIDAYS

- Sun Sept 20, Rosh Hashanah II
- Sat Sept 26, Shabbat Shuva
- Sun Sept 27, Erev Yom Kippur
- Mon Sept 28, Yom Kippur
- Fri Oct 02, Erev Sukkot
- Sat Oct 03, Sukkot I of 8
- Sat Oct 10, Shmini Atzeret
- Sun Oct 11, Simchat Torah
- Fri Dec 11, Chanukah Candle 1 of 8
- Sat Dec 19, Chanukah: 8th Day

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

RABBI'S MESSAGE - THIS "IN-BETWEEN" TIME....

As I write these words, the remnant of our recent nor'easter are still being felt in the Maritimes. We have had our rainiest October in some time. How fitting that at the end of Sukkot, on Sh'mini Atzeret, our tradition calls for special prayers for rain! The Sukkah, next to the Synagogue, is quite bedraggled and is ready to come down until next year. Its open sides and roof still echo with the sounds of our children hanging their cards and hand-made ornaments, as well as fruits of the season, as decorations. Our concluding festival, Simchat Torah, was observed with a happy celebration. We carried Torah scrolls and a small Shofar, palm-branches, an Etrog, and flags; and there, at the Community Center, we joined in prayers and songs, as we made seven hakafot (circuits of the sanctuary). So we marked the completion of one cycle of Torah-readings and, immediately, the beginning of the next. This is the way of Jewish tradition, which connects our times and seasons in a way that steadily points toward renewal. As the season changes, we have passed into a kind of "in-between" time, when there are days that still feel like a hint of summer, and nights that feel like winter is just around the corner. As the days grow shorter, let us reach out to one another more! May the good thoughts, feelings, and intentions that have been with us during the recent holidays abide with us throughout this New Year. Even as the days grow shorter, let us remember that longer nights are good for rest, refreshment, and renewal. Many of us live such busy lives, that it is good to take time -- every day, if we can -- to remember some of our moments of joy and special meaning. With best wishes for an exceptional Autumn,

Rabbi Lawrence

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DONATIONS NEEDED!!

Our ELUL Fund is in need of donations to continue with our cantorial internship program. 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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Congregation Beth Jacob

Congregation Beth Jacob could not have survived these past 100 years without the extensive network of dedicated volunteers. Volunteerism is a powerful means of engaging people and benefits both our congregation and the individuals themselves. Some activities were undertaken by volunteers such as secretarial duties, producing our newsletter and teaching our children when these would have otherwise put a financial burden on our community. Organizing our Brotherhood, Sisterhood, youth group and social activities is all done by volunteers and this builds a cohesive group, which shares its wealth monetarily among other ways. We have benefited over the years from skill-based volunteers from our congregation. Our lawyers, accountants, contractors, painters and teachers are just a few examples.

In this day and age, we have now come to know about Virtual Volunteering also sometimes called eVolunteering. This is a term describing a volunteer who completes tasks, in whole or in part, offsite using the Internet and a home computer or other Internet-connected device, such as a PDA. Virtual volunteering is similar to telecommuting ~ being able to work in the comfort of your home.

Volunteering is important also because it helps you personally. Volunteering helps to alleviate stress helps you enjoy good health since you have a sense of achievement and satisfaction and studies have even proved that you get a peaceful night's rest. (500volunteers.com)

Take a moment to thank our volunteers who keep Congregation Beth Jacob vibrant and alive and to look into your schedule and find time to join this special group of congregants. Make volunteerism part of your life in the coming year. Make a difference and make your time matter.

Sheila Finer

Brotherhood

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

Our Sisterhood provides financial support and labor for many of CBJ's activities and causes and needs your help. Even if you're unable to attend meetings, your membership gives us the funding needed to subsidize these events. If your children are grown, you can remember the enjoyable holiday parties, which still continue to this day for our younger generation. What would Chanukah be without dreidels and candy? What would Simchat Torah be without our pizza party after decorating the Sukkah? What would a Purim carnival be without hamantashen? We also sponsor a Purim Carnival game. These are just a few of the many events Sisterhood supports. We also stock the kitchen in both buildings with all of the supplies needed. This year Sisterhood is even underwriting some of our 100th Anniversary celebrations. If it happens at CBJ, Sisterhood is there!

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Synagogue – PLEASE JOIN US!!!

GIFT CARD REMINDER:

Now that the gift giving season fast approaches let this note serve as a reminder to plan your needs. Please consider using our gift card program as an easy, efficient and no brainer way to satisfy everyone on your lists. Cards are available for just about every major retailer in the country. You'll find clothing stores, restaurants, beauty parlors, super markets, gasoline, travel or just about anything else you can imagine. Think about teachers, coaches, school bus drivers, postal workers, fellow employees, neighbors, Uncle Ben, Auntie Tillie, your brother in law, your mother in law...well you get the picture. Just go to the web site (www.glscrip.com) and print the list as a work sheet and call or write me with your orders. Bear in mind that CBJ earns a commission on everything you purchase under this program and there is no impact on your budget. There is one caveat and that is on card ordered that aren't kept in stock the freight charge (\$7.50) is equally divided among all the participants in that order. Thank you for your ongoing support of our beloved CBJ!

Carl Finer, Fundraising

PARTY – Plymouth Area Temple Youth

Co-Advisor Robin Hunter – high school, 9 - 12

Co-Advisor Jessie Bridgewater – youth grades, 5 - 8

Contact us at party@cbjplymouth.org

Get information at www.cbjplymouth.org/PARTY.html

Members of National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) Northeast - www.nfty.org/ne

UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER INSTITUTE Dec 27th – Dec 31

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2010

January 22 – 24 Winter Wonderland hosted by MANTY – Manchester, NH

January 24 NFTY-NE Regional Board Meeting II – Manchester, NH

January 29 Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Youth Service

February 6-7 JOSTY Shul-In 7th and 8th grade NFTY event – Brookline, MA

March 12-14 Spring Conclavette hosted by BAYGL – Newton Center, MA

March 14 NFTY-NE Regional Board Meeting III – Newton Center, MA

Additionally, we are discussing an event with local TYG (Temple Youth Groups). We are looking for someone who would be interested in teaching Folk Dancing at an event. Please contact Robin Hunter.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

BEIT SEFER NEWS – Jill Duggan

The smell of challah baking to a golden brown drifted through the Community Center one October morning. Beit Sefer students were creating their own challah shape and sharing the experience of Jewish baking with each other.

Students were making challah as part of the Judaism in the Home unit. This unit involved learning about the different holidays that we celebrate at home such as Shabbat, Passover and Hanukkah. Students learned about different traditions and rituals that we do at home that accompany some of these holidays. Other activities associated with this unit include making Havdalah Candles, learning about a kosher home and creating a holiday meal.

Over the next few months' students will be learning about Creation and Famous Jewish People. Upcoming events include Havdalah Services with a Dine and Davon on November 21st and the Chanukah Party on December 13th.

LIMUD TORAH / TORAH STUDY GROUP

We continue (in English) an extended study of selections from the Mishnah, led by Rabbi Silverman. Meetings are most Monday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00, at the Synagogue. While Hebrew language skills are helpful, Hebrew is not required. Newcomers are welcome any time -- even if the individual just wants to sit in on a class to see what it's like! Come and learn! The dates planned for November and December are:

Nov. 2, 16, and 23; and Dec. 7, 14, and 21

ADULT EDUCATION BEFORE SERVICES

Come and join us Friday evenings!! Program begins at 6:30 p. m. and concludes at 7:20 on designated Friday evenings, at the Synagogue. Our Shabbat service will begin at the regular time of 7:30. Please watch your weekly bulletin for up-to-date-information on events in November and December.

Donations

GENERAL FUND

Dr Marvin Baum

*In Memory of Danella P Baum
and Alan M Baum*

Deborah Berk

*In thanks for the High Holiday
tickets*

Janice Drew

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Winokur

*In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Harry
Keller*

Stanley Levinson

**The Adeline & Reubin Winokur Fund
In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Harry Keller
from The Gutman Family**

THE RESNICK FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

Four years ago, in February 2005, thanks to the generosity of many members of the Resnick Family, the Resnick Family Education Fund was established here, at Congregation Beth Jacob. A few years earlier, Resnick descendants, representing one of CBJ's Founding Families had a reunion in Plymouth to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of their family's settlement here. The Fund they provided in 2005 was to be used for the benefit of worthy students, based on need, enrolled in our Religious School. We acknowledge these recent contributions:

Gifts in any amount are always welcome.
Please make your check payable to CBJ,
and write "Resnick Fund" in the memo space.

RUSSO FUND

Dr. & Mrs. Mark Russo

In honor of Milly & Ray Russo

In Memory of Adeline Keller from Dr. & Mrs. Jon Russo

Elul Fund

*Ann Litchfield
Dr. & Mrs. Barry Meltzer*

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 and we acknowledge these recently received gifts:

*In Memory of MRS. RUTH MORRIS, the
Mother of our Friend Joan Introzzi
By the Lawrence D. Geller Family*

*In Memory of my beloved Father,
DAVID SAMUEL KATZ
By Addie Lelyveld*

*In Memory of my beloved Father-in-Law,
ABRAHAM LELYVELD
By Addie Lelyveld*

*In Memory of my beloved Husband,
MARK LELYVELD, at this season of his Yahrzeit
By Addie Lelyveld*

Anonymous

*In Memory of DR. ISRAEL HARRY KELLER
AND ADELINE KELLER
By Terry Wax*

*In Memory of ADELINE GREENE KELLER
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Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurwitz
Dr. Ray and Milly Russo
Dr. Jon and Joanne Russo
Jay and Rhonda John and Family*

Yahrzeit and Condolences

Yahrzeit Observance begins the evening before the date shown

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

Notes on Yahrzeit observance: In the Jewish calendar, this year is a leap year. As a result, yahrzeits will be observed later in the season than they were last year.

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.

NOVEMBER

1 Meyer Baron
1 David M. Goldstein
2 Trude Weishaupt
3 Miriam Ross Toabe
3 Dora Goodman
3 Sally Jaffee
4 Sophie Dorf
4 Charlotte Roe Gerber
4 Elissa Teles
5 Gida Michaels
7 Marshall Meltzer
8 Sadye R. Meltzer
8 Gloria Gene Rothstein
9 Herman Roe
10 Israel Pokross
11 Lisl "Alice" Wise
12 Edward F. Baler
13 Gerald Wiseman
14 Julius Meltzer
19 Mildred Goldberg
19 I. Richard Goldstein
21 Harold W. Cohen
21 Kebe Toabe
22 Morris Russo
25 Celia Starr
26 Albert Shiff
28 William Lashin
30 Albert Lesser

DECEMBER

3 Sara Sherman
4 Theodore Aaron Greene
5 Albert Sarke
7 Julius Sepet
7 Haim (Carlo) Shamir
9 Harold Ross
10 Ann Winkler
11 Frances D. Kaufman
11 Max Krenis
11 Tina Liss
12 Frieda Roe
14 Aba Taub
15 Marion Shuman
18 Martin Herman
18 Israel Edward Ginsburg
21 Evelyn Abramson
21 Israel Weisberger Silverman
22 Marie Luise Katz
23 Samuel Berger
23 Anna B. Toabe
27 Edwin Goldberg
27 Samuel Arons

JANUARY

1 Martin Rubin
2 Kay Sugerma Cohen
2 Nettie Green
2 Louis Sherman
3 Kay Hodosh Falstein
3 Ruth Ross
4 Samuel Gereboff
5 Melvin Bloom

Rabbi's Calling Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
between 10:00 AM to 12 noon

NEW Direct phone: 508-746-0010

NEW EMERGENCY LINE: 401-480-5800

Ritual Committee

Our Yizkor Book We Remember Them is a tribute to the people memorialized within its pages, and its strength is a source of strength for the synagogue. It was created through the combined efforts of many different people. In addition to those on the acknowledgment page, every single contributor made a difference. We appreciate your participation in this annual fundraiser during these hard economic times. We hope that your remembrance of your loved one(s), printed on the pages, brought you a sense of comfort during the reflective time of year known as the Days of Awe.

Thanks to your generosity, this year's Yizkor Book contributions funded the beautiful flowers for the bimah during the High Holidays, our wonderful CBJ Yom Kippur Break Fast, and provided much needed support for our CBJ General Fund. The book will be used throughout the year for all the Yizkor prayer services.

Come to Our Annual CBJ Chanukah Party!



Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 pm
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Bring your own menorah and candles too

Members: Children Age 3-12 yrs... \$5

Adults Age 13 and up...\$8

Non-Members: Children, Age 3-12 yrs...\$5

Adults, Age 13 and up\$10

Make your check payable to Congregation Beth Jacob.

Send with form below by 12/6/09 to:

Andrew Forman, 38 Lisa Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360



Please reserve a place at the CBJ Chanukah Party Dec 13th for:

Family Name _____

of Adults _____ @ \$8 each = _____

of Adults _____ @ \$10 each = _____

of Children _____ @ \$5 each = _____

Total _____

NOVEMBER

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|-----|--|--|--|
| 1 Beit Sefer – preschool & confirmation | 2 | 3 Brotherhood Bowling 7pm @ Alley Kat, Kingston | 4 | 5 1 ST YR. Hebrew 4:00pm-5:10pm 4 TH YR. Hebrew 5:15pm-6:15pm | 6 Simcha Shabbat 7:30pm Syn. ONEG. L. Finkel | 7 |
| 8 Beit Sefer | 9 2 ND YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 10 3 RD YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 11 | 12 1 ST YR. Hebrew 4:00pm-5:10pm 4 TH YR. Hebrew 5:15pm-6:15pm | 13 7:30pm Service @ Syn. ONEG: B & L Carlson | 14 |
| 15 Beit Sefer – preschool & confirmation | 16 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn. 2 ND YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 17 3 RD YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 18 | 19 1 ST YR. Hebrew 4:00pm-5:10pm 4 TH YR. Hebrew 5:15pm-6:15pm | 20 7:30pm Service @ Syn. ONEG: R & B Efron | 21 5:00pm dinner 6:00pm Havdalah Svc. @ CC |
| 22 | 23 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn. 2 ND YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 24 3 RD YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 25 | 26 | 27 7:30pm Service @ Syn. ONEG: M & B Dewey | 28 |
| 29 | 30 2 ND YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | | | | | |

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| 6 Beit Sefer – preschool & confirmation | 7 8:30am Limud Torah @ Synagogue 2 ND YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 8 3 RD YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 9 | 10 1 ST YR. Hebrew 4:00pm-5:10pm 4 TH YR. Hebrew 5:15pm-6:15pm | 11 Erev Hanukkah 7:30pm Service @ Syn ONEG: Rosenberg/ Rosenblum | 12 Hanukkah |
| 13 Chanukah Party, 5:00pm @ CC See flyer | 14 2 ND YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 15 3 RD YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 16 | 17 1 ST YR. Hebrew 4:00pm-5:10pm 4 TH YR. Hebrew 5:15pm-6:15pm | 18 Chanukah 7:30pm Service @ Syn ONEG: Aharoni / Pecorella | 19 |
| 20 Beit Sefer – preschool & confirmation | 21 8:30am Limud Torah @ Synagogue 2 ND YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 22 3 RD YR. Hebrew 4:15pm-5:15pm | 23 | 24 | 25 7:30pm Service @ Syn ONEG: M & L Klasky | 26 |
| 27 | 28 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn. 7:00 CBJ Board meeting @ Syn. | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

GIFT WRAP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED December 11 – 24 at Independence Mall (9AM-10PM) and Colony Place (10AM-8PM). We need your hands and smiling face for this important fundraiser and community service. Please sign up for a shift by calling Myra at 508-965-8810 or email myrag1@comcast.net. Supplies & job training provided. *Your assistance is needed for wrapping and/or schlepping!* This is a fun, social activity and a holiday tradition raising funds for charity for the past 24 years! Proceeds are shared between CBJ Sisterhood and Plymouth Area Hadassah.

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