



# The Newsletter of Congregation Beth Jacob

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מה-טבו אהליך. יעקב. משכנתך. ישראל!

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

### 5770 HOLIDAYS

- ☉ Sat January 30, Tu B'Shvat
- ☉ Thu February 25, Ta'anit Esther
- ☉ Sun February 28, Purim
- ☉ Mon March 01, Shushan Purim
- ☉ Mon March 29, Erev Pesach
- ☉ Tue April 06, Pesach day 8
- ☉ Sun April 11, Yom HaShoah
- ☉ Mon April 19, Yom HaZikaron
- ☉ Tue April 20, Yom HaAtzma'ut
- ☉ Sun May 02, Lag B'Omer
- ☉ Wed May 12, Yom Yerushalayim
- ☉ Tue May 18, Erev Shavuot
- ☉ Wed May 19, Shavuot 1
- ☉ Tue July 20, Tish'a B'Av

*Holidays begin on the evening before the date shown.*

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### RABBI'S MESSAGE –

I composed this message during the last days of Chanukah. At the time, the attention of much of the world was set on the international convention on "climate change" taking place in Copenhagen. My memory led me back to another time, 29 years ago, when our Feast of Lights and Copenhagen, the capital and royal city of Denmark, came together to touch the hearts and minds of many people.

In 1980, the American Jewish Congress presented a menorah to Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. Why this gesture to a monarch little known in the USA? It all goes back to the Second World War when, with moral courage like our Maccabees of old, the Danish king and the people of that land, stood up for the Jews of Denmark and saved nearly all of them. Though under Nazi occupation, the integrity of the Danes remained uncompromising and unbowed. When the Germans invaded Denmark in 1940, as we recount each year in our tribute to the Danes on Rosh Ha-Shanah, they offered the "conquered" people of the land a very special treatment. The German Nazis, according to their racist teachings, looked upon the Danes as "almost perfect" Aryans, like themselves. When the German occupiers attempted to set the Danish population, which was predominantly Lutheran Christian, against the Jews, their attempt failed. As a first step, the order to separate the Jews by forcing them to wear the yellow star was about to be given. In response, Denmark's King Christian X went to the airwaves and declared that if any Danish citizen was compelled to wear the yellow star, then he and all the royal family would be the first to wear it, as an example to all their people. As a direct result, the Nazis never implemented the "yellow star order" in Denmark at all.

This story is the background to what happened in 1980, during the season of Chanukah, when a menorah was presented to the Danish royal family. The gift was received by Denmark's first ruler who was a woman (her husband was not a king), Queen Margrethe II, granddaughter of King Christian X, whose memory abides as a blessing.

*Rabbi Lawrence*

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## A PRICELESS COMMODITY

Each of us can make an investment that provides boundless returns with no downside risk. That investment is LOVE.

What brought most of you to Congregation Beth Jacob is love of our Jewish heritage, love of our ritual, liturgy and music. Also, love for the values taught to us by our parents and grandparents. What keeps us here are the experiences and connections we have made because of love in this community. We feel and see love everywhere in our congregation. Love is apparent when we chant our blessings as the Torah is passed down through generations at a B'nai Mitzvah ceremony, when we share the blessings for a future bride and groom at the auf ruf and also when we comfort mourners. Love is felt when members come together in study and our children participate in our Simchat Shabbat services. We even "feel the love" at our board meetings! This synagogue exists, grows and thrives on the love of its members.

My investment in Congregation Beth Jacob yields much of the love in my life. Like many of you, the years spent here contain so many of my best memories. I cherish all the Shabbats and holidays I have celebrated and continue to celebrate. It is where my children became B'nai Mitzvah and were confirmed. Our Rabbi recently married our son and new daughter-in-law. My life has been enriched because of these connections, commitments, and my investment.

It is with all this in mind that I ask you to reflect on what you get by giving. In these difficult financial times, I am not asking you to reach into your pockets, but rather to give of your time. There are so many opportunities for you to be able to say thanks by volunteering. Give because you are guaranteed a return on your investment because love grows where we sow and returns in measures beyond what we give. Give because it is what you did for love.

*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 100<sup>th</sup> 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!!!

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST**

**DATE:** Monday, January 18 (No School) **TIME:** 8:00 a. m.

**LOCATION:** Plymouth South High School, 490 Long Pond Road

Rabbi Silverman announces a community breakfast to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King and to acknowledge the work of participating students from the Plymouth Public Schools and the Rising Tide Charter School. The event is co-sponsored by the Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association and the Town of Plymouth's No Place for Hate Committee. Ticket prices are lower this year! -- Adults - \$8.00; Students - \$6.00; Family (up to 4) - \$22.00. Tickets are available from the rabbi and from Dr. Barry Meltzer, who chairs the No Place for Hate Committee.

## **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](mailto:party@cbjplymouth.org)

Get information at [www.cbjplymouth.org/PARTY.html](http://www.cbjplymouth.org/PARTY.html)

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

### **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

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**

Creation: How the world was created and how we can make the world a better place was the focus of Beit Sefer during the month of November. Students learned about Tikkun Olam – Repair the World and how they can make their world a better place for their family and community. To end our Creation Unit, students participated in a Havdallah Service where they had the opportunity to light the Havdallah candles that we made in class.

Did you know that the Three Stooges, Shari Lewis, and Adam Sandler are Jewish? Over the month of December Beit Sefer students have been learning about Famous Jewish People. We will also be researching Jewish people who have made significant contributions to society such as Moses, Abraham, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, and Rebecca Gratz. Students will be sharing what they have learned at a Jewish Heroes Congress.

The next Beit Sefer unit will concentrate on Jews in America where students will be learning about Famous American Jews in such areas as politics, sports and entertainment. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Cantor Intern Elise will be discussing Death and Mourning and on February 28<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Purim by reading the Magillah followed by a Purim Carnival, sponsored by the PTO. In addition, all students and families are encouraged to join us for Simcha Shabbat on January 8<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

Please save the dates for our winter programs:

Friday, January 15 - The Siddur: its key prayers and structure will be Rabbi Silverman's topic for a pre-services program. The presentation and discussion will begin at 6:30 p. m. and conclude at 7:20. The Shabbat service will begin at the regular time of 7:30.

Friday, January 22 - CBJ will welcome the Rev. David Johnson, minister of the First Parish Church in Plymouth. His topic will be The Separation of Religion and State.

Friday, March 26 - Father Bill Kremmell, pastor of St Athanasius Church in Reading will speak on a topic to be announced.

Look for details, updates and further program announcements in the Weekly CBJ email. And come and join us!

### **LIMUD TORAH / TORAH STUDY GROUP**

In January, we expect to conclude our extended study of selections from the Mishnah, led by Rabbi Silverman. We are now looking at some of the discussions between Shammai and Hillel; and we'll conclude with a brief look into Sanhedrin, which provides fertile ground for many midrashim (rabbinic narratives based on Scripture). 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 January and February are Mondays: Jan. 4, 11, and 25; and Feb. 1, 8, and Tuesday, Feb. 23.

# Donations

## GENERAL FUND

Mr. & Mrs. Schenkel in honor of the wedding of Joanne and Elliott Levy  
Anne Geller  
Barbara Posner Ward  
Sheila Toabe Davis  
Roberta Cowan

### ***DONATIONS ALWAYS 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.

## 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. Your contributions are especially important during the winter. 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:*

Anonymous

A Special Gift from Sheila Toabe

In Honor of Adam and Emily Katz, wishing them a happy life together and "Mazel-tov" on their marriage by her parents, his parents-in-law, Michael and Sandy Schwartz

Contributions for the Hospitality Program were received from:

Michele Baum  
David and Frimma Buckman  
The Lawrence Geller Family  
Stephen and Suzanne Goldberg  
Sam and Barbara Gorfinkle  
Melvin and Lois Klasky  
Ron and Tedda Lindeman  
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Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund  
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Stephen and Jackie Winokur

### **GIFT CARD REMINDER:**

Please consider using our gift card program as an easy, efficient and no brainer way to purchase items for yourself or to give as gifts. 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. Just go to the web site ([www.glscrip.com](http://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

*We thank them all, as well as our meal providers, our chaperones, and our neighbors at Christ Church Episcopal, who let us use their meeting hall so that we could participate in this program. Look for additional information in the next issue of the Tent.*

# Yahrzeit and Condolences

Yahrzeit Observance begins the evening before the date shown

*"May the Memory of each one abide 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.

## JANUARY

1 Martin Rubin  
2 Kay Sugerman Cohen  
2 Nettie Green  
2 Louis Sherman  
3 Kay Hodosh Falstein  
3 Ruth Ross  
4 Samuel Gereboff  
5 Melvin Bloom  
5 Helen Evans  
5 Adeline Winokur  
8 Ronald Goldberg  
8 Paula Lesser  
9 Isadore Albert  
9 Edith Kagan  
11 John Jacob Marcus  
12 Bessie Skulsky  
12 Shirley Lubin  
13 Hyman Aranowitz  
16 Mendel Aranowitz  
17 Rebecca Shriber  
18 Ruth Bornstein Strauss  
18 Emil N. Winkler  
19 Louis Policow  
20 Joseph Rains  
21 Philip Aranowitz  
22 Charles Ginsburg  
22 Fred Greenbaum  
22 Michel Toabe  
23 Seymore Horenstein  
23 Annie Mankoff  
24 Shirley Greenbaum  
26 Manuel Kalaminsky  
26 Angy Moore  
28 Morris Rodman  
30 Sadie Stein

## FEBRUARY

1 Kay Levenson-Meltzer  
6 Abraham Toabe  
7 Cecille Rosen  
8 Ethel Berger  
8 Roberta Lipetz  
8 Rina Shamir (nee Strumsky)  
8 Hilda Keil Toabe  
10 Frank Gladstein  
12 Harry Dorph  
12 Adele Pevzner  
12 Charles Beck  
13 Arthur Rosenblum  
14 Ida Penn  
16 Jeanne Gurwitch  
19 Max Shriber  
20 Robert Arons  
20 Hyman Sherman  
21 Ida Toabe  
24 Edith Keshen Albert  
25 Dinah Van West  
26 Lillie Pokross  
26 Sylvia Wippman  
28 Sarah Rebecca Cohen  
28 Sally Sarke

## MARCH

1 Rebecca Kirschner  
2 Betty Balton  
3 Elizabeth Rains  
3 Joseph L. Harris  
3 Rose Goldberg



## 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

## JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	1 7:30pm Syn. ONEG.	2
3 Beit Sefer	4 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn.  2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:15pm	5 3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:15pm Brotherhood Bowling 7pm @ Alley Kat, Kingston	6	7 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	8 7:30pm Service @ Syn. ONEG: Isaacson & Hadfield	9
10 9:45 PTO mtg.  Beit Sefer – preschool & confirmation	11 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn.  2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:15pm	12  3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:15pm	13	14 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	15 7:30pm Service @ Syn. ONEG: Karin Goldstein	16
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24 Beit Sefer – preschool & confirmation	25 8:30am Limud Torah @ Syn.  2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:15pm  7PM CBJ Board Mtg.	26 3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:15pm	27	28 1 <sup>ST</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:00pm  4 <sup>TH</sup> YR. Hebrew 5:15pm	29 7:30pm Service @ Syn. ONEG: PARTY	30
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7 Beit Sefer – preschool & confirmation	8 8:30am Limud Torah @ Synagogue  2 <sup>ND</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:15pm	9  3 <sup>RD</sup> YR. Hebrew 4:15pm	10	11	12 7:30pm Service @ Syn ONEG: Gorfinkle	13
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PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS WINTER BREAK						
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28 Beit Sefer – preschool & confirmation Purim Carnival						

# A HEARTY MAZEL TOV TO:

Addie Lelyveld and Susanne Wittenberg and Family, on the Naming of Addie's great-granddaughters, Susanne's granddaughters, Rachel and Abigail Chachus, the twin new-born daughters of Dino and Michelle Chachus.

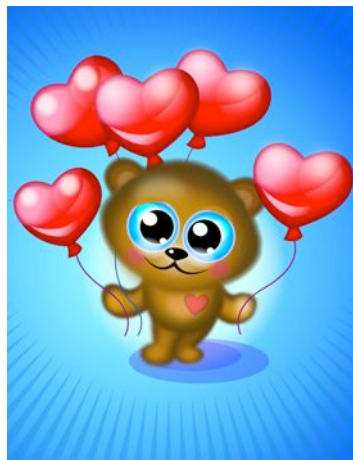
Dr. Al and Marcia Baum, on the Naming of their grandson, Lucas Sangmok Baum Plahm, new-born son of Jennie and Joshua Plahm

Muriel Swartz, on the Naming of her great-grandson, Jaxson Swartz, new-born son of Jeffrey and Angela Swartz

Elliott and Joanne Levy, on their recent 25th wedding anniversary and their recent Marriage under the Chuppah

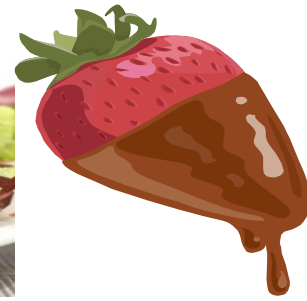
Michael and Sandy Schwartz, on the marriage of their daughter Emily to Adam Katz

February is  
**HAVE A HEART MONTH**  
at CBJ



We'll be collecting non-perishable food items all month to be donated to the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse

Please bring your items to either the synagogue  
or community center  
And place them in the marked receptacles



## *SAVE THE DATE*

On Saturday evening, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Sisterhood is sponsoring a  
**Pot Luck Dairy Soup & Salad dinner  
& Edible Pound Auction**

Join us at the synagogue @ 7pm  
Bring a dairy soup or salad to share  
Dinner will be followed by a festive dessert table surprise

Then the pound auction begins!  
All items for the auction must be “edible”  
Store bought or homemade is fine, but they must weigh at least a  
pound  
Wrap the item(s) so that no one knows what they’re bidding on

This is a fun evening for everyone!

February is also **HAVE A HEART MONTH**  
at CBJ. Bring a non-perishable food item  
to be donated to  
the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse

