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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!”

MAY/JUNE 2014

HOLIDAYS

5774

MAY 6TH YOM HA'ATMAUT

MAY 18TH LAG BA'OMER

JUNE 4TH SHAVUOT

SEPT 25TH ROSH HASHANA

OCT 4TH YOM KIPPUR

OCT 7TH SUKKOT

OCT 16TH SIMCHAT TORAH

DEC 17TH HANUKAH

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CBJ Congregants,

As I write this we are celebrating the festival of Passover. I was blessed to be able to have all my children home for the first night Seder this year. As we came to “yachatz” – breaking the middle matzah, and recalled that the reason we eat matzah is to remember the quick flight of our ancestors from Egypt, I found myself thinking of others who have had to flee from danger or a threat beyond their control. I asked my family at that time to remember in their prayers the victims of the shootings at the Jewish Community Center and assisted living facility in Kansas City that had occurred just the day before.

As spring is finally making its appearance after such a long winter, I have found myself thinking about yet another part of the Seder that symbolizes joy and rebirth – “karpas” – dipping a green vegetable in salt water. I don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to spring this year – looking forward to the flowers and the greenery that have until now been buried beneath the snow. In my preferred Haggadah, there are discussion points intertwined with the sections of the service. In this particular section following karpas, it says: “We all have aspects of ourselves that sometimes gets buried under the stresses of our busy lives. What has this winter taught us? What elements of our own lives do we hope to revive this spring?” I have given this some thought over the last week, and will continue to do so. What could be a better time of year than this to reflect on our own challenges and look for the strength to overcome them. Let's celebrate the freedoms we have, and embrace hope, and overcome our obstacles. I wish each and every one of you a joyous Spring!

Shalom,

Christine Burke

President, CBJ

CONGREGATION BETH JACOB

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

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BEIT SEFER NEWS

Ten Commandments unit - Our classes enjoyed learning about the importance of our Ten Commandments. At our April Simcha Shabbat service, we had the pleasure of watching a wonderful presentation by our 3rd and 4th graders, under the directions of their teacher, Ann Maddeford. The children did an excellent job explaining the meaning of our commandments in "kid-friendly" terms.

Synagogue unit - During this unit our children learned about the many similarities between our Synagogue and others they may have visited. They learned how the Synagogue is the center of our Jewish community and a place for worship, learning, gathering, and fun. During this unit, they also learned about some of the "secrets" of our 100+ year old building.

Chocolate Seder - This annual tradition is always a favorite and serves as a reminder of how sweet, yet important, Passover is to us. It reinforces the symbolism of the Seder with a bit of a twist for those with a sweet tooth. It was clear that all of the children enjoyed this special event.

As we come to the end of the year, I want to take the opportunity to thank the many people who have helped to make this year so successful. Our teachers Sheila Finer, Ann Maddeford, and Elissa Davis have made a great team and have been a pleasure to work with! Harriet Weiner has been willing to jump in and assist in any way possible. Our PTO, under the leadership of Jeff Isaacson, has planned memorable special events including the Hanukkah Party, Purim Carnival, and Family Fun Day. Thank you to the parents for waking their children and delivering them to us on Sunday mornings. We do understand how difficult that can be! Lastly, thank you to the students who asked great questions, demonstrated their creativity, and made our Synagogue a lively place each Sunday morning! Have a wonderful summer and see you in the fall!

**See closing ceremony information for Beit Sefer on next page!
All are welcome!**

**Special Shabbat Service for Beit Sefer students ages 5—12 on May
10th. See insert after closing ceremonies information page.**

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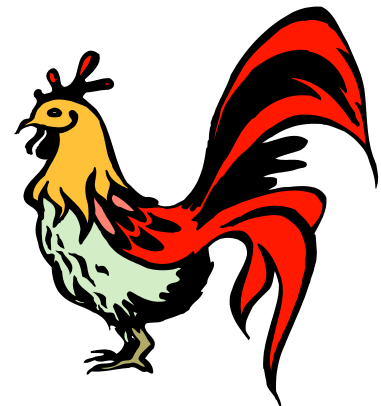
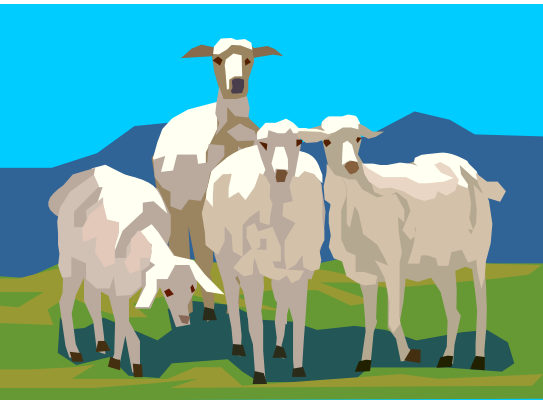
**BEIT SEFER CLOSING CEREMONIES
CONGREGATION BETH JACOB CONGREGATION**

Sunday May 4, 2014

Starting at the Synagogue at 10:15 A.M.
Led by Beit Sefer Principal Laura Finkel.

Note: all Beit Sefer Parents are expected to stay with their children during closing ceremonies and also if they go to the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department Petting Zoo

Then at 11:00 the PTO will be sponsoring Family Fun Day (aka Lag B'Omer) at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department Petting Zoo located at 74 Obery Street in Plymouth (same entrance as the CourtHouse).



There is plenty of space to spread out in. So, people can feel free to bring frisbees, balls, bean bags, etc. In addition there are plenty of plants to view.

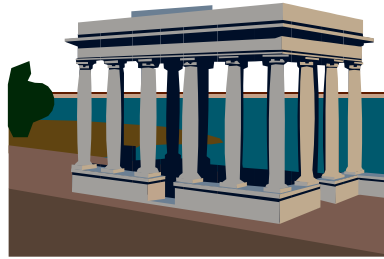
While this is a Beit Sefer event, everyone from the congregation including confirmation students and all adults are welcome.

There is also a picnic area, so everyone is welcome to bring a picnic lunch with them.

Congregation Beth Jacob cordially invites

**Beit Sefer age children (approximately ages 5 – 12)
from area Jewish congregations**

to join us for a Shabbat Service at Plymouth Rock



Saturday May 10 at 5:00 P.M.

**After an afternoon service at Plymouth Rock we will walk back to
Congregation Beth Jacob Synagogue 8 Pleasant Street**

There will be Pizza and refreshments

**Then we will have some meet and greet activities for the children
For those that can stay, we will conclude with a Havdalah service**



For information and to indicate what kind of a dessert you will be able to bring, contact Jeffrey Isaacson,

JeffreyIsaacson@comcast.net; 508-927-4044

BROTHERHOOD

Since being Jewish (or maybe it's just part of being a member of this synagogue) seems to be synonymous with F-O-O-D, we'll start with our storied "sumptuous Brotherhood Breakfasts". We had one in February that proved to be very successful. The speaker was Deputy Sheriff Liisa Budge Johnson. The subject matter was the history of the Plymouth Correction Facility. It was (as usual when Ms. Johnson has presented in the past) entertaining, intriguing and informative. Not one negative response about the presentation, the "sumptuous" Breakfast or the Brotherhood. A very positive experience for those who were lucky enough to be there. This breakfast was followed up by a tour of the Correctional Facility that was limited to Brotherhood and their spouses. This tour was both fascinating and worrisome. Even though it's a "Correctional Facility" and not a prison, it would not be a place that we would choose to be incarcerated in if we misbehaved. But, I guess that's the idea.....

The next Brotherhood Sumptuous Breakfast is on April 27th and it will feature a Park Ranger from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She will talk about the history of the Cape Cod Canal. Since we have limited seating, it is an R.S.V.P. and should prove itself to be delicious, entertaining and informative.

Bowling is the first and third Tuesday of the month—Join us!

Between our RECYCLING EVENTS, SUMPTUOUS BREAKFASTS and contributions this year, our donation to the synagogue will be substantially greater than last years donation. But, that's what it's about.....isn't it? And we're still having fun doing it!

LIMUD TORAH / TORAH STUDY GROUP.

We continue our exploration of the Book of Ecclesiastes. Our text is in English. We usually meet on Monday mornings at the Synagogue from 8:30 to 10:00. Regular meetings resume on Monday, April 28 and continue on May 5, 12, and 19. Watch the Weekly Up-date for dates in June.

HEBREW SCHOOL

Monday, April 28 -- Regular Hebrew School sessions resume
 Monday, May 19 -- Last session of the school-year for Third Year Hebrew
 Tuesday, May 27 -- Last session for First Year and Second Year students
 Thursday, May 29 -- Last session for Fourth Year students

CONFIRMATION CLASS GRADUATION

Please check the Weekly Update for details.

The last regular meeting of the Confirmation Class will be on Sunday, May 4, beginning at 10:25 a. m.

OUR THANKS TO CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMAGE

We offer our thanks to our neighbors at Church of the Pilgrimage for hosting this year's observance of Yom Ha-Shoa. This interfaith commemoration of the Holocaust, once again, was strengthened by the participation of many members of CBJ, as well as many of our friends in the larger community.

DONATIONS**Yahrzeit Fund**

Carl & Sheila Finer in Memory of Stephen Goldberg
 Dr. & Mrs. Donald Gilbert in Memory of Charlotte Lippman
 Mark & Laura Goldberg in Memory of Eleanor Goldberg
 Paula & Joe Keller in Memory of Stephen Goldberg
 Paula & Joe Keller in Memory of Dr. I. Harry Keller from Joe & Paula Keller, Dara, Scott & Cooper Campanella
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General Fund

Carl Finer donation from NCB Finer Sales
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Estelle Pokross and Hyman Sherman Fund**Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund**

Lawrence D. Geller Family for the homeless project
 Lawrence D. Geller Family in Memory of Dr. Goodman

Sarah and Abraham Sherman Fund**MISC****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.

Yahrzeits During May/June

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

MAY

3 Jacob Keller
 3 Morris Binday
 4 Estelle Pokross Sherman
 5 Ruth Lipman
 5 Estelle Epstein
 5 Lillian Goober
 5 Samuel Cohen
 8 Beatrice Weiner
 10 Helen Pearce
 13 Arthur Jacobs
 14 William Lippman
 17 Arnold Shelly
 18 Stella S. Bromberg
 20 Harvey F. Cohen
 20 Arnold Brodie
 23 Miriam Polak Lelyveld
 24 Kalman Aharoni
 25 Joseph Epstein
 25 Edward Greenberg
 26 Ida Portnoy
 28 Marion Melville
 28 Marc Lipetz
 29 Jacob Erie
 29 Lucille Arons

JUNE

1 Lawrence Geller
 1 Ada Greenberg
 2 Rae Baron
 4 Minnie E. Kaplan
 6 Belle Myer

7 Solomon Bromberg
 8 Faye Rothstein
 10 Walter Wise
 12 Edith Lipetz
 12 Walter Kilimnik
 13 Marc Lipetz
 13 Herman Michaels
 15 Theodore Strauss
 16 Joseph W. Swartz
 16 Lloyd Anderson
 17 Alfred Bryan
 19 Dora G. Bell
 19 Ruth Cohen
 20 Vera Marcus
 20 Hattie Resnick Waterman
 21 Jack Gurwitch
 23 Leon Bromberg
 24 Myer "Mike" Starr
 25 Ruth Putnam Sherman
 25 William Melville
 26 Frances Taub
 27 Louis Koplan

JULY

2 Mary Minsky



*"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:

Congregation Beth Jacob
 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.

MAY 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|--|--|
| | | | | 1 | 2 Simchat Shabbat Services 7:30 Oneg: | 3 |
| 4 10:00 Beit Sefer Closing Ceremonies Confirmation | 5 7:00 pm CBJ Board Meeting | 6 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling | 7 | 8 | 9 Shabbat Services 7:30 Oneg: | 10 5—8 Beit Sefer Shabbat Service with other congregations |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Oneg: Carol Gilbert & Robin Kirby | 17 |
| 18 Sisterhood Donor Lunch | 19 | 20 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling | 21 | 22 | 23 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Trisha & Jeffrey Liskov | 24 10:00 Jonathan Liskov Bar Mitzvah |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Synagogue Oneg: Betsy & Allen Wallace | 31 10:00 Rachel Wallace Bat Mitzvah |

JUNE 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------------------|-----|---|-----|-----|--|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling | 4 | 5 | 6 Simcha Shabbat 7:30pm Oneg: Sheila & Carl Finer | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling | 18 | 19 | 20 Shabbat Service on the Beach 7:30pm Oneg: | 21 |
| 22 10:00 CBJ Annual Meeting | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |
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