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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!”

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

HOLIDAYS

5776

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

December 7th Chanukah



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Shalom All!!

So now we are well into the Fall season and the weather at this moment is gorgeous! Nice crisp air and the leaves are beginning to turn. Hopefully, when you read this it won't be snowing yet!!!!

Our New Year has been terrific so far! We had a wonderful turnout for the visit of Danish Consul Jacob Friis on Erev Rosh Hashanah and enjoyed a moving tribute to the people of Denmark for their help to the Danish Jews during World War II. The event made the local papers and even the *Jewish Advocate* up in Boston. All the holiday services were well-attended, and it was really nice to be in our own Synagogue for them! Along with a delicious Break Fast on Yom Kippur, an incredible celebration for Sukkoth with the Beit Sefer kids, and a parade of Torahs on Simchat Torah, we rounded out the High Holy Days in great style!

Now it's on to the rest of the year!!!! We have several new committees now and many exciting projects in the works. If you are interested in Tikun Olam, Technology, Adult Education and/or a Music program for CBJ, please don't hesitate to call or email me! We could use your help and ideas in all these areas.

November will see the Sisterhood Paid-up Supper, a presentation by our own Barbara Aharoni in remembrance of Kristallnacht (the Night of Broken Glass) in 1938, and several celebratory Onegs on Shabbat. Sisterhood has a new program that invites CBJ members to go as a group to various cultural events on the South Shore, including museums and plays. Brotherhood is planning meetings, events and discussion groups, as well. And of course, December will bring us Hanukkah, with parties, food, and musical entertainment for everyone in CBJ, and a multitude of ways to give back to the community!

Keep your eye on the CBJ Weekly Update for the most current information, and always feel free to contact me if you have ideas, interests or concerns!

Best to you all,

Marjorie

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I am writing today the following partial explanation of my rather emotional conclusion to my story on the Second Morning of Rosh Ha-Shanah.

As you may know, I have a great deal of sympathy for certain individuals who are important in the Book of Genesis, but who are at best ignored, at worst devalued by the rabbis of later years. Two of these figures are Hagar, the handmaid of Sarah and concubine of Abraham, and Hagar's son, Ishmael, who was Abraham's son. It was foretold that Ishmael would be blessed with a great blessing and that he would become the ancestor of many nations. This blessing is similar to one given later to Isaac. The stories of Hagar and Ishmael may be found in chapters 16, 17, 21, and 25 of Genesis. A lot of attention is given to these so-called minor characters.

In my remarks on Rosh Ha-Shanah, I was representing myself as Isaac. I created an extended midrash (interpretive story, based on Scripture) describing the relationship between the two sons of Abraham. I recalled the hint of a relationship we are given in the Torah when Isaac was a child and his older brother played with him. When Sarah saw Ishmael playing with her much younger son, she demanded that Hagar and Ishmael be banished and, reluctantly, Abraham complied. From Isaac's point of view, I recounted the sudden departure of Ishmael from Isaac's life, and told about how Isaac, when he was older, might have wondered about the boy who used to play with him, and how Abraham was evasive whenever Isaac brought up the subject. When discussing the Akedah (Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac in Genesis 22), I described the possible strains on the relationship between Abraham and Sarah (mother of Isaac). After Sarah died, I imagined the reunification of the brothers, which Abraham himself, I thought, might have arranged.

According to the Torah, Ishmael was raised by Abraham within the framework of the covenant that God had established with Abraham and, eventually, with us, the Jewish people (Genesis 17). Despite this part of Ishmael's story, he is denounced by the rabbis of the period of the Mishnah and Talmud. No less a personage than Rabbi Akiva, for example, refers to Ishmael as an idol worshipper.

As for my "emotional conclusion," the reunification of the brothers after all those years of separation is itself a powerful theme. (Note: Fortunately, I have been blessed with a wonderful brother who has always been part of my life...and is fine.) Further, according to Muslim tradition, Ishmael is the spiritual ancestor of the "true believers." Some of you may remember my friend (and ours) Sam Hassan, of blessed memory, who visited CBJ a few years ago. Sam was a devout Muslim, a spiritual descendent of Abraham and Ishmael, who called me, a descendent of Abraham and Isaac, his brother. Sam's name in Arabic happened also to be Ishmael! In its own way, my story became an expression of my desire for peace between Jews and Muslims wherever they may be. My story became a poignant reminder of the sweet and powerful relationship that Sam and I had established. I miss him! He was truly a man of peace. -- Rabbi Lawrence



All are welcome to attend the following program:

The History of Antisemitism: Before, During, and Beyond the Holocaust?

Presented by Barbara Aharoni

Sunday, November 8, 7:00 p. m., at the Synagogue

Open to the Public

CBJ's Barbara Aharoni is a speaker on the subject of the Holocaust, under the auspices of the Holocaust Education and Resource Center of Rhode Island and other agencies. She is also the current Chair of the Town of Plymouth's "No Place for Hate" Committee.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood has started up with a very active schedule. As I write this we have 40 members. Our first activity was to sponsor a "Pizza in the Hut" for Sukkot. The Beit Sefer and members of the congregation came together in September to decorate, sing and pray in the Sukkah. Our attendance was a staggering 55 people so we retired to the social hall for pizza, ice cream, cookies and drinks. I am happy to report that the Beit Sefer has requested this become an annual event. Sisterhood voted at our October meeting to be the sponsor.

Our October meeting was held on the 6th. Cindy Teles gave an impressive talk on "Women Scribes of the Torah". All those in attendance agreed that we learned a lot.

Torah Study with Rabbi Silverman resumed October 12th. Check the CBJ Calendar for meeting dates. We meet at 11 a.m. at the Temple.

Our paid up supper is November 3. Ronnie Hirschhorn will lead a program "And you thought Your Family Had Problems". (to Quote a Hadassah Machon Topic). Dinner will be provided by South High School. Marjorie Nydell is the dinner chair.

The Sisterhood/Brotherhood Annual Adult Hanukkah Party is December 8th. Note that this is not our usual meeting date. Cindy Teles and Arnold Gladstein are our grand Latke Chefs. As always Alyce aka Gladyce, Gladstein is the sous chef. Time and RSVP information will be in the weekly. This activity is free if you are a brotherhood/sisterhood member.

Susan Moore will lead us in Laughter Yoga on January 5th.

Sisterhood is trying something new this year. From time to time we will pick an event to try to get an informal group to attend. The formula so far has been: The South Shore/Cape area, not too expensive, and where tickets can be purchased at the door. Six people went to the Heritage Museum and Gardens for a guided tour of the Wyeth Exhibit. Eight people went to see "Twelve Angry Men" at The Spire. Most of these activities are open to the congregation and are not just Sisterhood activities.

Robin Hunter has graciously agreed to be our liaison with Hadassah for the Gift Wrap Fundraiser at the Kingston Collection, December 11-24.

Other activities being talked about are: The Pound Auction, Baking with Merlie, A Retreat, and of course, Donor Luncheon. Please join us for any or all of our activities.

Suzanne Goldberg, Sisterhood President

BEIT SEFER**BEIT SEFER AND CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE**

11/1 Beit Sefer 10:00am	Confirmation 10:25am	12/6 Beit Sefer 10:00 am	Confirmation 10:25 am
11/8 Beit Sefer 10:00am		12/13 CBJ Hanukkah Party	5:00 pm
11/15 Beit Sefer 10:00am	Confirmation 10:25am	12/20 Beit Sefer 10:00 am	Confirmation 10:25 am
11/22 Beit Sefer 10:00am		12/27 NO BEIT SEFER	
11/29 NO BEIT SEFER (Thanksgiving weekend)		1/3 NO BEIT SEFER	

**MUSICIAN WANTED!**

Many congregants have requested that our Shabbat services include more music. Do you know of any musician who can play the guitar, is familiar with (or who can learn) the Hebrew songs that we sing at our services, has a pleasant singing voice and has an engaging personality? This person could be a high school or college student. If you have any suggestions, please contact Marjorie Nydell at (508) 732-0276 or President@cbjplymouth.org

**BOSTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

November 4 -16

The Boston Jewish Film Festival has been scheduled from November 4th through November 16th. Various films will be shown in movie theaters throughout Boston and the surrounding suburban area. Information about this Festival can be found at www.bjff.org.

Volunteer Opportunities:
New CBJ Technical Committee
The Board has approved establishing a technical resource committee.
I would like to identify CBJ members with applicable skills who can be called upon to help with technical issues. My goals are to:
Provide technical help for ongoing activities
Upgrade the CBJ website
Provide redundancy so we are not dependent upon only one person for critical functions
Ensure accuracy, backup and security of our data
I would also like to establish a digital archive of CBJ historical materials.
Please contact me for more information or to provide suggestions. Thank you.
Allan Sherman, Chairman
allanps Sherman@gmail.com



Welcome New Members!

- David & Dianne Bluestein (Jessie & Jenna)
- James Hoffman (Adam, Rachel & Kyle)
- Marilyn & Jerry Levine
- Alexandra Paul-Simon
- Wendy & James Puljankowski (Emily)
- Hyman & Sandy Spekman



Deadline for the Jan/Feb TENT is December 8th. Articles and news may be submitted to Robin Kirby at robink12@verizon.net and are accepted earlier than the deadline. Please note that the deadline is just that a deadline. I would like to keep the issues of the TENT coming out the last week of the month prior to the TENT issue ie. January/February should be out the last week of December so congregants that wish to attend upcoming events know of them in advance.

Thank you in advance for your understanding,
Robin Kirby, Editor

MEET THE CONGREGATIONS NEWEST MEMBERS!

On New Member Shabbat Oct 2, 2015 CBJ welcomed six families who have joined our shul in 2015, five of them from June through September. Deciding to become a member of our congregation, is like finding the right shoe that fits with your individual idea of style and comfort. We are glad that they have found us to be a good fit. And we are so happy they made this commitment with us.

Wendy Puljanowski. Wendy , her husband James ,7 year old daughter Emily and one month old son James live in Carver. Wendy previously belonged to Temple Israel in Brockton. She is a 6th grade English and Social Studies teacher in Easton. Our Beit Sefer is blessed to have her as our teacher for grade 5-6 this year.

Alexandra Paul-Simon lives in Plymouth. She was previously a member of Beth El Temple Center in Belmont,MA for 50 years. Before her retirement in 2012 Dr. Paul-Simon taught at the diploma, baccalaureate and graduate levels in nursing. Her professional practice interests and expertise were in the areas of maternal child health nursing and women's health. Many years ago she was a very active NEFTY member; chaired worship committee at many conclaves..She was a camp counselor and then Camp Nurse at Camp Pembroke. She acted as a lay cantor at Beth El Temple Center in Belmont too.

Hyman and Sandy Spekman live in Great Island. They were unable to come tonight. Hyman grew up in the Bronx. His Bar Mitzvah was 51 years ago this week. He is an Employee Benefits Consultant working for a company in New York. Sandy grew up in Detroit. She was a teacher of the deaf in New York until her retirement. They have two grown and married children. Their daughter lives in Boston and their son lives in Salt Lake City. Both of them belonged to several congregations until they came to us in Plymouth. Sandy can chant from the torah. They are both delighted that we do not presently have a building fund fee.!

Gerald and Marilyn Levine live in Plymouth. Gerry is a marine biologist, and food scientist. He is a Viet Nam veteran. He is a chef. He enjoys sailing, skiing, history and is interested in environmental issues. Marilyn is a mental health social worker who enjoys reading, writing, knitting and outdoor adventures. She is seeking to become a Jew By Choice so is presently studying with Rabbi Silverman to reach that goal.

David and Dianne Bluestein with their daughters Jessica 6 yrs. and Jennifer 1 yrs live in Plymouth. David is the owner of Foreign Motor Cars, his wife Dianne is a marketing professional for a law firm.

Jim and Kyle Hoffman. Jim, his wife and son Kyle 9 yrs. live in Carver. Jim is a sales manger. He has two other grown children Adam 23 yrs. and Rachel 21yrs. Jim is a neighbor of our member Julie Benedetto .

May they all find meaning and purpose, challenge and spiritual fulfillment, joy and support within this congregation. May their membership be a blessing to this community and K'lal Yisrael, the People of Israel. May we all grow together as we strengthen one another in carrying forward our Jewish Heritage.

Stocking the pantry
and raising money for
CBJ...



CARD PROGRAM!

Haven't gotten on the band wagon yet with the CBJ gift card program? Why not? It's easy and convenient and it doesn't cost you a dime to earn rebates that go directly to CBJ. And now, trying it out just got even better!

For a limited time, all first-time gift card orders will have their rebates **MATCHED** by the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund! What more could you ask for? Once you try it and realize how easy it is to earn money for CBJ, we think you'll be hooked!*

Here's how it works...just place a new customer order with Carl Finer (cjfiner@gmail.com) or 508-224-1942) and the Rabbi's Mitzvah fund will donate a matching gift to CBJ equal to the amount that you earned with your gift card purchase. For example, if you purchase \$100 in Stop & Shop gift cards, you earn \$xx in a rebate directly to CBJ, and the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund will donate an additional \$xx to CBJ. How cool is that?!

But wait...these cards aren't just for groceries! There are hundreds of other retailer cards that you can purchase. Like CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Target, and Home Depot. And who doesn't like to go out to eat? You can dine out and raise money for CBJ by ordering gift cards for Panera, Chili's, TGI Friday's, and Olive Garden.

So don't wait...place your first-time order today and help support CBJ.

*Matching rebate applies to first-time gift card customers only.

DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Fund

Deborah Cohen in Memory of Harris Cohen

Mark & Laura Goldberg in Memory Frank Goldberg

Joe & Paula Keller and Dara & Scott Campenella & Family in Memory of Manny Arons

Adelaide Lelyveld & Family in Memory of Mark Lelyveld

Richard & Linda Rothstein in Memory of Frederick Klein

Richard & Linda Rothstein in Memory of Gloria Rothstein

Russo Fund

Joecille Murphy in Memory of Ray Russo

General Fund

Milton & Janice Gletzer

Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life

Estate of Rose Sherman Geller in Memory of Rose Sherman Geller

THE EDITOR'S APOLOGIES IF ITEMS ARE INCORRECTLY STATED BASED ON WHAT WAS RECEIVED AND LEGIBLE

Donations should be sent by enclosing the donation form on the following page with your donation. This will help the Corresponding Secretary and the Editor of the Tent acknowledge your gift correctly!

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.



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DONATION FORM

Date:

I am (we are) pleased to contribute \$_____ - a donation to the fund indicated below (please print legibly):

Contribution From (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Reason for donation:

Please send acknowledgment card to (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

All checks payable to CBJ unless otherwise noted below

Mail to PO Box 3284 Plymouth MA 02361

How do you wish your donation to be listed in the tent? Ie. From the family of Robin Kirby or listed as Robin Kirby

Please check which fund your donation was made:

- General Fund
- Beth Jacob Trust Fund
- Yahrzeit Fund
- Ray & Milly Russo Cultural Heritage and Arts Fund
- Resnick Family Education Fund
- Estelle Pokross & Hyman Sherman Fund
- Abraham & Sarah Sherman Fund
- Adeline & Reubin Winokur American Jewish History Prize Fund
- Jacob & Minnie Kaplan NFTY Institute Fund
- Richard Shiff Fund
- Weishaupt Stamp Fund
- Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life
- Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund (check should be payable directly to this fund and mailed to the Rabbi's attention)

YAHRZEITS DURING NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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

YAHRZEITS FOR NOV/DEC

(Observance begins the preceding evening)

NOVEMBER

1 Elissa Teles
2 Celia Bello
3 Marshall Meltzer
3 Herbert Neitlich
4 Elaine Carlson
4 Sadye R. Meltzer
5 Herman Roe
6 Israel Pokross
6 Mildred Segal
7 Lisl "Alice" Wise
8 Edward F. Baler
8 Gloria Rothstein
9 Gerald Wiseman
10 Julius Meltzer
10 Louis Resnick
11 Abraham Goldberg
14 Mildred Goldberg
14 I. Richard Goldstein
14 Minna Matross
16 Kebe Toabe
16 Harold Cohen
17 Morris Russo
18 Minna Matross
20 Celia Starr
27 Albert Lesser
28 Albert Shiff
30 William Lashin
30 Harold Ross

DECEMBER

1 Pearl Breslow
1 Ruth Righter
1 Alice Resnick
1 Ann Winkler
2 Stanley Resnick
2 Samuel Matross
4 Julius Sepet
6 Eleanor Weiss

6 Max Krenis
6 Frances Kaufman
8 Tina Liss
8 Sara Sherman
9 Theodore Greene
9 Aba Taub
10 Hyman Goober
10 Marion Shuman
11 Stanley Resnick
11 Alice S. Resnick
11 Samuel Matross
11 Ruth Righter
11 Eleanor Weiss
12 Frieda Roe
12 Sylvia Righter
13 Albert Sarke
13 Martin Herman
13 I. Edward Ginsburg
14 Pauline Resnick
16 Nathan Hirschhorn
18 Anna Toabe
19 Evelyn Abramson
19 Aba Taub
20 Marion Shuman
21 Stanley Resnick
21 Jessica Strauss
21 Edwin Goldberg
21 Bernard Berman
22 Louis Coffman
23 Martin Herman
26 William Smick
28 Samuel Berger
28 Louis Sherman
28 Rhoda Burstein
29 Elaine Winter Brown
29 Ruth Ross
31 Irving Etkind
31 Adeline R. Winokur



*"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
Plymouth, MA 02361

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.

NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:25 Confirmation 7	2	3 6:00 pm Sisterhood paid up supper and talk by Ronnie Hirschhorn 7:00 Brotherhood Bowl- ing	4	5	6 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg: Hunter Family	7
8 10:00 Beit Sefer 7:00 pm Anti-Semitism lecture by Barbara Aharoni	9 11:00 am Torah Study Group	10 7:00 pm Brotherhood Meeting	11	12	13 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg: Marjorie Nydell	14
15 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:25 Confirmation	16	17 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	18	19	20 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	21
22 10:00 Beit Sefer	23 11:00 am Torah Study 7:30 CBJ Board Meeting	24	25	26	27 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg: Susanne Lelyveld Wittenberg	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Brotherhood Bowl- ing	2	3	4 7:30 Shabbat Service at Marjorie Nydell's home Oneg: Carl Finer	5
6 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:25 Confirmation	7	8 6:00 pm Sisterhood/ Brotherhood Hanukkah Party—reservations required.	9	10	11 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg: Paula Keller, Sherri Sore & Suzanne Goldberg	12
13 5:00 pm CBJ Hanukkah Party	14	15 7:00 Brotherhood Bowl- ing	16	17	18 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	19
20 No Beit Sefer	21	22	23	24	25 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg: Rabbi Silverman & Meredith Hoffman	26
27 No Beit Sefer	28 7:30 CBJ Board Meeting	29	30	31	1 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg: Potluck Supper and Service	2

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