

# The Newsletter of Congregation Beth Jacob

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

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shalom All!!

Happy New Year! By the time you read this, 2016 will be underway and we will have survived another holiday season. I hope everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends, and you are ready for another fun year with CBJ!

Every year I make the same New Year's resolutions - lose weight, quit smoking and learn to walk in high heels. I should mention that I don't actually smoke - I put it in there because it's the only one I know I will fulfill!!!! Seriously, while I don't make much of New Year's Eve, something about the new calendar year puts me in the mood to work hard and do better than the year before. That's why I'm committed to helping make this a great year for our Congregation.

During 2015 we accomplished quite a bit - Sisterhood and Brotherhood hosted a number of exciting and educational events. Several new committees were established as well, including a new Music Committee, a Tikun Olam Committee, a Technology Committee and an Adult Ed Committee. We have a revamped electronic Weekly Update and a Membership Committee that has welcomed several new members to our CBJ family! All these groups will be actively bringing new resources and programs to you and the community in 2016. I hope you'll keep an eye on these and participate in as many activities as you can!

Despite the threat of another snowy winter, we still have much to look forward to - Purim, Passover and a host of other special days! And of course, Shabbat services on the beach are the light at the end of the tunnel!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have ideas, issues, concerns or questions. I welcome all your input and look forward to seeing you in 2016!

Best to you all,

Marjorie

#### HOLIDAYS

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

January 25 Tu B'Shevat



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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As I write these words, we are celebrating Chanukah. The Sabbath during the holiday, called "Shabbat Chanukah," is a special day every year. Each day of Chanukah, tradition gives us successive selections from the Torah (the Book of Numbers, chapter 7), which gives a day -by-day account of the offerings brought by each of the tribes of Israel to celebrate the dedication of the altar.

In the Torah, these passages refer to the time in the Wilderness, after the tabernacle of the Covenant had been set up. On this year's Shabbat during Chanukah, the sixth day of the Festival, we read the list of the offerings brought by Eliasaph of the tribe of Gad. The phrase "dedication of the altar" is the key here. In Hebrew it is "chanukat ha-miz-bay-ach," which carries the name of our festival within it and concludes the familiar song, "Ma'oz Tsur."

My wish is that the festival of Chanukah, our festival of Dedication -- referring to the dedication of the new altar in the Temple in 165 BCE -- brings renewal and joy to us and to all who celebrate the victory of the Macabbees, as it is said, "in days of old, at this time of year."

Let me also take this opportunity to thank you. For it is likely that you, reading this message, cast a vote -- by absentee ballot or in person -- at the community meeting on December 6th. To each of you, however you voted, I offer my thanks for your involvement, your concern, and your ideas. And I thank the community as a whole for approving my request to continue as your rabbi after my present term is over. With best wishes,

Rabbi Lawrence Silverman



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

As I write this we are getting ready to have our annual Hanukkah Party. As you read this we are all trying to get our lives back in order after the New Year.

Sisterhood will be getting right back into the swing of the New Year with Laughter Yoga, taught by our own Susan Moore. Please come on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a VERY short business meeting. We will start Sue's program at 7:30 p.m. sharp. The program is one hour. This is a breathing technique tool, so wear comfortable clothes but don't worry there are no awkward poses!

We will be discussing February and March programming at the January meeting. On the table for activities are Dinner and a Movie as well as the Pound Auction.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our open book group. We will be reading and discussing Geraldine Brooks' "People of the Book." There will be a copy of the Sarajevo Haggadah. Irene Sarke will reserve some copies at the Plymouth Public Library a month before the meeting.

Onegs: Hosts or sponsors are needed for all of February. If you would like to host an Oneg let Susan Solomon know <a href="mailto:bunnieu@gmail.com">bunnieu@gmail.com</a>. If you would like to sponsor an Oneg please send a check for \$36.00 made out to Beth Jacob Sisterhood, to Suzanne Goldberg, 106 Cliffside Dr., Plymouth 02360. Include any information about whether this is in memory of or in honor of someone special in your life. Also, include the date you wish to sponsor.

**SAVETHE DATE: Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.** Our annual donor luncheon. Time and place TBD.

Happy Healthy New Year, Suzanne Goldberg

## **BEIT SEFER**



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

Sunday, January 10th at 10:00 Confirmation at 10:30

No Beit Sefer, Sunday, January 17th

Sunday, January 24th at 10:00 Confirmation at 10:30

Sunday, January 31st

Sunday, February 7th at 10:00 Confirmation at 10:30

No Beit Sefer, Sunday, February 14th

No Beit Sefer, Sunday, February 21st

Sunday, February 28th at 10:00 Confirmation at 10:30

Dates for hosting Onegs for Shabbat are open right now for 2016. Hope you will all choose at least one special date and treat us to your own version of a Shabbat celebration! Please contact bunnienu@gmail.comto reserve yours!

January 1st Pot Luck Supper & Service

January 8th
 Jeff Isaacson in Honor of Aja's Birthday

January 15th

January 22nd Suzanne Goldberg in Memory of Stephen Goldberg

January 29th

February 5th Ann Maddeford

□ February 12th
□ February 19th

February 26th

Please contact Susan Salomon to host an Oneg!

Welcome New Members!

Ann & Sam Rajkovitch (Isaac & Helen)

Deadline for the Jan/Feb TENT is February 8th. Artticles 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.

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Thank you in advance for your understanding,

Robin Kirby, Editor

## **Your Attention Please**

So how should I begin this to capture your attention? "The sky is falling" might be true, but it's no news. "Soylent Green is next" may be true, but not just yet. So how about "we got work to do and some of it is investment in ourselves"? Too long but real: at CBJ the work is under the heading "Tikun 'Olam", "Diliterally "fixin' the world". Not that the Creator did a shoddy job, but we became the gardeners and "we"are never fault-free. Sorry, no can go back to Creator and complain, the warranty's long expired. So Tikun 'Olam has several projects that include the mundane such as a care-day for the elderly at Brookdale on Dec 7, a beach cleanup project this spring, helping out at the hospital on Christmas (along tradition), collecting food for the Pantry for the Plymouth needy, and more. If someone will claim some of these projects as their own, I say ye Welcome !!!

Another aspect of Tikun 'Olam is our own education. It's another committee, yes, but it is very much a fixin' that needs doin'. So Adult Ed's having the #2 man at the Israeli Consulate in Boston coming to us probably on January 10th to give us his and Israel's official take on what's happening in the Fertile Crescent, also called the Levant (hence ISI-L) that extends from the Negev through Lebanon, then former Syria and Iraq (aka Mesopotamia, the land watered by the twin rivers Prat and 'Hiddekel = Euphrates and Tigris). Also what's happening to the north, the lands of the Turkich peoples, and south in the Arabian peninsula. Can you tell I'm looking forward to that talk? We are all urged to ask tough questions!!

To become more educated with respect to what Jordan's late King 'Hussein called the reason for the next Mideast war, WATER, we are striving to have the Economic Attache at the Consulate to give us a talk about the various water projects in Israel, including the elephant one in the BoardRoom, still being discussed but really on ice: the pipeline to be laid on the Med floor and run water from Turkey to Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Gaza, and perhaps Sinai. Will there be enough for Jordan? For northwest Sa'udiya? Will the users need the Israeli desertagrotechnologies? Obviously yes, but will they use them? Will Med oil &gas pay for the Med piped water?

For those of us with a penchant for edutainment, Harry's coming up with a little talk to make the Orthodox fume. Just a small matter of fixin' the way we read a couple of Biblical passages, that's all. Or perhaps not quite so little.

The target audience for Tikkun 'Olam's Adult Ed can be much wider. Nationwide and even global in fact. BDS has become somewhat pesky, and there is a movement afoot to become serious about taking them on. Here's a sample:

1.

#### **BDS** Cookbook

http://www.stopbds.com/The "BDS" or "Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions" movement advocates the ... The BDS movement comesto campus in many forms: Anti-Israel protests calling ...

- 2. Act Now: Fight the Boycott, Divestment, &Sanctions Movement ... http://www.wiesenthal.com/site/apps/nlnet/content2.aspx%3Fc%3DlsKWLbPJLnF%26b%3D4441467%26ct% 3D13047017Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (**BDS**), this global movement is the ... Learn the facts behind this hypocritical and **anti**-Semitic campaign and work with usto ...
- 3. The Stand With Us **Anti-BDS** Conference 2015

https://www.standwithus.com/ppsc/bdsconf2015.aspA VIP private reception with Alan Dershowitz and other experts on **BDS**; Preferred seating throughout the conference; Free valet parking; All meals; All sessions ...

- 4. Anti BDS | Articles | -SPME Scholars for Peace in the Middle East http://spme.org/category/boycotts-divestments-sanctions-bds/boycotts-divestments-and-sanctions-bds-news/anti-bds/Oct 29, 2015 ... AntiBDS. Our mission is to inform, motivate, and encourage faculty to use their academic skills and disciplines on campus, in classrooms, and ...
- 5. Fighting **BDS** -Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/fightingbdsFighting **BDS**.... To connect with Fighting **BDS**, sign up for Facebook today. ....Susan Reback Miles the usual **anti**-semitism and appearement of muslims ( which ...

6. Ohio to pass anti-BDS law -Diaspora - Jerusalem Post

http://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Ohio-to-pass-anti-BDS-law-422594Oct 11, 2015 ... The legislation is expected to be similar to South Carolina's **anti-BDS** law, which prevents the state from doing business with companies or ...

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7. Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boycott,\_Divestment\_and\_SanctionsThe Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (**BDS** Movement) is a global **anti-**Israel campaign attempting to increase economic and political pressure on ...

8. 'Harry Potter' Author J.K. Rowling Joins British **Anti-BDS** Campaign ... http://www.algemeiner.com/2015/10/23/harry-potter-author-j-k-rowling-joins-british-anti-bds-campaign/Oct 23, 2015 ... A letter-to-the-editor published in today's (Friday's) print edition of the influential British newspaper the Guardian by a group of renowned British ...

We are seeking a fighter to volunteer to lead CBJ's anti-BDSactivities. You perhaps?

More projects both local and global, county and country!

We are calling upon you to be active.

Thank you,

Harry Shamir Chair, Tikun 'Olam and Adult Ed committees

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

David Rodman in Memory of his Mother, Ana Rodman Fred & Irene Sarke in Memory of Al Sarke Jeff & Francine Shelly in Memory of Tina Liss Stephen & Jacqueline Winokur in Memory of Rubin Winokur William Righter in Memory of Ruth Righter and Sylvia Righter

## GENERAL FUND

Matt & Marjorie Nydell

\*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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# 508-746-1575 www.cbjplymouth.org

## **DONATION FORM**

Date:	
I am (	we are) pleased to contribute \$ a donation to the fund indicated below (please print legibly):
Contr	ibution From (PLEASE PRINT)
Na	me:
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Reaso	n for donation:
Please	send acknowledgment card to (PLEASE PRINT)
Na	me:
Ad	dress:
	All checks payable to CBJ unless otherwise noted below
	Mail to PO Box 3284 Plymouth MA 02361
	do you wish your donation to be listed in the tent? Ie. From the family of Robin Kirby or listed as Robin Kirby
Pleas	e 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 JAN/FEB

(Observance begins the preceding evening)

#### **DECEMBER**

31 Helen Evans

## **JANUARY**

- 4 Edith Beatrice Kagan
- 4 Isadore Albert
- 4 Pauline Resnick
- 4 Philip Ratick
- 5 Jessica Pershing Strauss
- 7 Bessie Skulsky
- 7 Shirley Lubin
- 8 Hyman Aranowitz
- 11 Mendel Aranowitz
- 12 Rebecca Shriber
- 13 Ruth Bornstein Strauss
- 13 Emil N. Winkler
- 14 Louis Policow
- 15 Joseph Rains
- 15 Samuel Resnick
- 16 Philip Aranowitz
- 17 Lawrence Freedman
- 17 Eawrence Freeding
- 17 Fred Greenbaum
- 17 Michel Toabe
- 18 Barbara Righter
- 19 Charles Righter
- 18 Seymore Horenstein
- 18 Annie Mankoff
- 19 Shirley Greenbaum
- 20 Hannah Cooper

- 21 Manuel Kalaminsky
- 21 Angy Moore
- 22 Bernard Riback
- 23 Morris Rodman
- 25 Mae Hirschhorn
- 25 Stephen Goldberg
- 26 Harold Hoffman
- 26 Ida B. Resnick
- 27 Kay Levinson-Meltzer
- 28 Karin Goldstein

#### **FEBRUARY**

- 1 Abraham Toabe
- 2 Myer J. Meyer
- 2 Cecille Rosen
- 2 Rina Strumsky Shamir
- 4 Hilda Toabe
- 5 Frank Gladstein
- 9 Ida Penn
- 11 Jeanne Gurwitch
- 13 Saul S. Sokolow
- 14 David Schwartz
- 15 Hyman Sherman
- 16 Sumner Robinson
- 18 Marcus N. Solomon
- 19 Richard Pecorella
- 19 Isadore Rothstein
- 20 Dinah Van West
- 23 Roberta Lipetz
- 24 I. Harry Keller
- 26 Sally Sarke

- 28 Beatrice Klein
- 29 Susan Starr

#### MARCH

1 Barbara Hirschhorn



"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.

# **JANUARY 2016**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 Potluck Supper	2
					7:30 Shabbat Services	
3	4	5 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	6	7	8 7:30 Simchat Shabbat Service Oneg: Jeff Isaacson	9
10 10:00 Beit Sefer	11	12	13	14	15 7:30 Shabbat Services	16
10:30 Confirmation					Oneg:	
17 No Beit Sefer	18 Martin Luther King Day	19 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	20	21	22 7:30 Shabbat Services Oneg: Suzanne Goldberg	23
24 10:00 Beit Sefer	25 Tu B'Shevat	26	27	28	29 7:30 Shabbat Service	30
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# **FEBRUARY 2016**

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		7:00 Brotherhood Bowling			Oneg:	
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		Bowling				