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The Newsletter of Congregation Beth Jacob

מה-מנו אהליך, יעקב, משכנתיך, ישראל!

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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016

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

5776

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 5th 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 3rd 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 bunnieu@gmail.com. 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 15th. 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

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7. [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boycott,_Divestment_and_Sanctions)

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.almgemeiner.com/2015/10/23/harry-potter-author-j-k-rowling-joins-british-anti-bds-campaign/)

<http://www.almgemeiner.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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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 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 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 7:30 Shabbat Services	2
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 10:30 Confirmation	11	12	13	14	15 7:30 Shabbat Services Oneg:	16
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 10:30 Confirmation	25 Tu B'Shevat 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	26	27	28	29 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	30
31 10:00 Beit Sefer						

FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	3	4	5 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg: Ann Maddeford	6
7 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:30 Confirmation	8	9	10	11	12 :30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	13
14 No Beit Sefer	15	16 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	17	18	19 :30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	20
21 No Beit Sefer	22 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	23	24	25	26 :30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	27
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