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# The Newsletter of Congregation Beth Jacob

מה-טבו אהליך. יעקב. משכנתך. ישראל!

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

**JAN/FEB 2017**

## HOLIDAYS

5777

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

February 11 Tu B'shevat

March 12 Purim



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shalom All!!

Happy New Year to Everyone!

Hanukkah and the New Year should be in progress or just about finished by the time you read this! At the moment, I am trying to figure out what to get family members for Hanukkah!

It's funny - as the family gets older selecting gifts becomes more problematic. The “kids” in my family are my son and five nephews, the **youngest** of which is 18 years old. Their choice of gift is obvious and easy - they want money! And while it's technically easier to write checks than to go shopping, Hanukkah is way more expensive now than when they just wanted toys! Now I spend at least twice as much on each of them!

So, I'll be a tad poorer when you read this, but I'm still ready to rock and roll in the New Year! As always, we have lots going on in CBJ in the coming year, including plenty of holidays. Be prepared for parties, concerts, good food, educational activities and Tikun Olam - they are all on the agenda for 2017!

And of course, never hesitate to contact me, or any member of the Board, if you have ideas, issues or concerns. Our goal is the same - to make CBJ someplace where you want to be.

Best to you all,

Marjorie

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**BRIEF MESSAGE FROM RABBI SILVERMAN:**

Winter has come: a season of slowing down and recovery for us, who live in these northern parts of our world that experience real winter. For the natural world, it is a time of hibernation and renewal, leading into the splash of new life that we see and hear in the early spring. For us, too, this can be a season to embrace, not necessarily one we have to escape from. The pace of our lives may change; and our attitude toward cold days and icy winds may teach us in ways that are really beneficial for us. In the middle of our winter comes Tu Bishvat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees! Winter teaches us endurance and patience, promising us goodness that is yet to come.



Tot Shabbat — An Early Service for the Little Ones, led by Rabbi Silverman, Friday, January 27, 6:00 p. m. Please

watch the Weekly Update for details!

**CBJ PARTICIPATES IN RENEWED INTERFAITH PROJECT  
“Nights of Hospitality for the Homeless”**

Winter has come and, once again, CBJ is helping out with “Nights of Hospitality for the Homeless.” Our dates are: From Sunday evening, February 12 through Sunday morning, February 19, 2017.

Here is a short list of our priorities and what each of us might be able to do:

CHAPERONES — We need one additional person per night

MEAL-PROVIDERS — One or two hosts per night (limited subsidies are available)

MONEY TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM — Gifts should be sent to “CBJ-Rabbi’s Mitzvah Fund” and sent to the attention of the Rabbi (P.O. Box 3284, Plymouth 02361)

To Volunteer: There are two options: (1) Call Shellie Souza at [508-746-3026](tel:508-746-3026). Shellie is a real veteran in helping to coordinate this program. Or leave a message for the Rabbi at [508-746-1575](tel:508-746-1575). (2) Go on-line to Meal Train at this address (copied into your computer’s browser): <https://mealtrain.com/k4w5gd> — then scroll in the calendar to the week of Feb. 12, and see what you can do. CBJ, along with the Task Force to End Homelessness and the Interfaith Clergy Association, has taken part in this program for more than ten years. This is a wonderful Mitzvah that we can do to help those in need in our extended community. We hope to hear from you soon. Thank you for your support!

**ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS INFORMATION**

To meet in 16 sessions, twice a month, winter into spring 2017, and autumn into winter 2017-2018.

Scheduling will be worked out to accommodate all who wish to be involved (if possible).

If interested, please contact the Rabbi at [rabbilawrence@gmail.com](mailto:rabbilawrence@gmail.com)



## **BEIT SEFER NEWS**

### **Scary Stuff**

On Sunday Oct 30 the Beit Sefer kids descended into the mysterious mayhem of the devils and demons of Jewish literature. They had a morning filled with scary stories about the Golem of Prague, the Dybbuk and other spooky folklore characters. We sparked their imaginations one day before Halloween !

### **God's Do Over and Jewish Debate**

On Sunday Nov 6, the kids were all learning about the week's torah portion "Noach" , Noah's Ark. Everyone enjoyed the short Disney cartoon version of the story from Fantasia 2000 starring Donald and Daisy Duck! The Gimel class began making Creation Journals. The Dalet class learned about the structure of the Tanach. Also how the process of debate has been a part of our people since Abraham argued with G-d about saving Sodom and Gomorrah from destruction. They had their own short debate "Paper bags vs. Plastic bags" .

### **Shabbat and Thanksgiving**

Nov 13th all the kids made challah covers with white cloth and fabric pens. We had a Teachers Lunch Meeting to go over upcoming curriculum and to discuss any classroom issues.

Nov. 20th "Molly's Pilgrim" video was viewed by all classes as part of thinking about the meaning of our American Thanksgiving.

### **Chanukah is Coming**

December 4th and 11th Our classes are getting educated about Chanukah, making crafts and preparing for a short school presentation at our Beit Sefer Chanukah Party which will be on Dec 18th 10 am to Noon.

### **Don't Let The Light Go Out !!**

#### **Beit Sefer Classes Start at 10:00:**

January 8th  
January 22nd  
January 29th  
February 5th  
February 12th

#### **Confirmation Classes Start at 10:30:**

January 8th  
January 22nd  
February 5th  
February 12th

Geveret Aharoni  
Beit Sefer Principal



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

There will be no Sisterhood meeting in January. We will resume our winter activities with a Tu B'Shevat Seder on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. This is for Sisterhood members only. We continue on March 7<sup>th</sup> with a movie and dinner. We are hoping that Oscar contenders will be playing at Plymouth Plantation. We would see a 4:30 movie and then go to dinner to discuss the movie. On April 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having our book discussion group. The book review committee is finalizing their choice. Our Donor Lunch on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> may have a twist this year. We are looking into doing a tea and fashion show. We will keep you all updated on our activities in Sisterhood weekly update and the CBJ weekly update.

We have many Oneg dates open for the winter months. It is critical that you volunteer to do one Oneg a year.

As most of you know by now, Sisterhood is looking for a new president. After 6 years, Suzanne has decided to step down. If you are interested, let Suzanne know.

Suzanne Goldberg  
Sisterhood President

SISTERHOOD HAS IDENTIFIED A NEED THAT AFFECTS LOCAL BABIES AND THEIR MOMS. THIS SISTERHOOD TZEDAKAH PROJECT IS FOR A LOCAL ORGANIZATION THAT IS DESPERATE FOR DIAPERS (AGES 12 MONTHS TO 24 MONTHS) TOILETTE PAPER AND BATH SOAP FOR ITS PANTRY. IF YOU HAVE NOT BOUGHT DIAPERS RECENTLY YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THE ESCALATING COSTS FOR THIS SIZE DIAPER.

I AM ASKING YOU TO PLEASE DONATE THESE ITEMS. THEY CAN BE DROPPED OFF ANY SUNDAY (10 AM TO 12 PM) AT THE SYNAGOGUE THAT THERE IS SUNDAY SCHOOL, OR YOU CAN CALL ME AT [508-728-0260](tel:508-728-0260) (CELL) AND I WILL ARRANGE A PICK-UP. ALSO IF YOU WOULD RATHER DONATE SHAW'S OR STOP AND SHOP CARDS, PLEASE CALL CARL, AND BOTH THE ORGANIZATION AND CBJ WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PURCHASE. LASTLY, IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DONATION (PAYABLE TO BETH JACOB SISTERHOOD) AND/OR SEND IN MANUFACTURER COUPONS (SEE SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS OR AN APP), PLEASE MAIL THEM TO ME: SHERRI SORE, 63 SEACLIFF DRIVE, PLYMOUTH, MA 02360.

Let us join the Brotherhood which has been wonderful in providing the SSCAC Food Bank with supplies/food, with a Sisterhood Tzedakah project for the holidays.

In Sisterhood, Sherri



**Memo from Adult Education & Tikun 'Olam, to Whole Congregation:**

2017 will be chuck full with activities. Starting with the very first Board meeting, we will host Dr Wolfe from the URJ, who will regale us with examples of what we can gain from this organization to which we already pay dues. All CBJ members are invited to attend this Board meeting on January 23, 2017. Including Teens !

To be offered in the short term will be the sequel to the first talk about "How Jesus Became God", for which the tentative title is "The Jewish Jesus Movement & First Years of Christianity". One really cannot understand the commonality between Christianity and Judaism without being aware of how one sprung from the other then continued evolving on parallel paths.

We are also trying to get one or more Muslim luminaries to instruct us and answer questions.

On the topic of the Shoah we will a) present one to three movies, I hope both interesting and moving; b) see below.

Ideas floating at present even include an early summer Kites Day. Personally I would like to see a couple of Afghani Battling Kites in action. It is actually an ancient sport.

Another is to bring in a teacher of Israeli Folk Dancing and teach not only our own kids and young adults the real thing, but also do this in collaboration and cooperation with the three other Jewish congregations on the South Shore.

A longer lasting activity is being planned by the Rabbi, who will describe his project in his own words when ready.

Another activity being discussed is a course on what led up to the Shoah. The parallels with our own times are truly frightening and need to be recognized. It is not only in the US, but also in Europe, MidEast, Africa, and elsewhere. Ethnic exterminations are in the offing, actually already occurring. Can we do anything about it?

On a healthier topic, education on how to prepare Jewish and other culinary delights shall be taught ! An expert Chef is involved, so prepare your salivary glands. (Just don't drool on MY plate!).

OK, so we got plans. But get this: if YOU don't attend the events, your message to the Committees of your own Jewish Organization is that we are not needed, all our work of no interest.

OK, hope to see each and every one of you ALL at the activities.

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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:

Adrienne Beck in Memory of Bernard Resnick  
 Donna & Burton Matross in Memory of Minna Matross  
 Bernard Resnick in Memory of Louis Resnick  
 David & Betty Rodman in Memory of Mom  
 Fred & Irene Sarke in Memory of Albert Sarke  
 Paul & Pamela Sechoka in Memory of Mildred Goldberg  
 Harry & Barbara Shamir in Memory of Dr. Halim Shamir  
 Jeff & Francine Shelly in Memory of Tina Liss  
 Stephen & Jacqueline Winokur in Memory of Reubin Winokur

### Resnick Fund

Miriam Friedman in Memory of Bernard Resnick  
 Susan Resnick in Honor of Bracha Tova Himelstein and in Memory of Bernard Resnick  
 Dr. Amy & Stuart Yeager in Memory of Bernard Resnick

### Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Life

Allan & Judith Sherman in Memory of Max Krenis

### Russo Fund

Suzanne Goldbert for sisterhood retreat  
 Allan & Judith Sherman  
 Jacqueline Winokur for sisterhood retreat

### Misc.

David & Betty Rodman for Cellist for high holidays  
 Lauri & David Sholes in appreciation for what the Rabbi does for the community

### 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 November/ December

(Observance begins the preceding evening)

"May the Memory of each one abide as a

Blessing"

All Yahrzeits for JANUARY/  
FEBRUARY are on the following page.



*"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.

### **\*\*\*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 2017**

2 Evelyn Abramson  
 2 Irene Weisberger Silverman  
 3 Marie Luise Katz  
 3 Henry Manuel Kesselman  
 3 Max Winter  
 4 Samuel Berger  
 4 Anna B. Toabe  
 5 Bernard Berman  
 5 Ruth Dana  
 5 Florence Dezoirett  
 5 Jessica Strauss  
 6 Abraham C. Goldman  
 7 Michael Zellman  
 Samuel Arons  
 8 Louis Coffman  
 8 Edwin Goldberg  
 8 Jacob Steinberg  
 10 Albert Reynolds  
 11 Frank Kabelsky  
 12 William Smick  
 13 Albert Keil  
 13 Martin Rubin  
 14 Rhoda Burstein  
 14 Kay Sugerma Cohen  
 14 Nettie Green  
 14 Louis Sherman  
 15 Esther Lee Bloom  
 15 Elaine Winter Brown  
 15 Kay Hodosh Falstein  
 15 Ruth Ross  
 16 Samuel Gereboff  
 17 Melvin Bloom  
 17 Irving Etkind  
 17 Helen Evans  
 7 Jacob Joseph Fortunow  
 17 Adeline Winokur  
 20 Ronald Goldberg  
 20 Paula Lesser  
 20 Anne Nigrash  
 21 Isadore Albert  
 21 Edith Beatrice Kagan  
 21 Philip Ratick  
 21 Pauline Resnick  
 22 Hyman Addis  
 22 Jessica Pershing Strauss  
 23 John Jacob Marcus  
 24 Shirley Lubin  
 24 Bessie Skulsky  
 25 Hyman J. Aranowitz  
 28 Mendel Aranowitz  
 29 David Resnick  
 29 Simon Resnick  
 29 Rebecca Shribner  
 30 Ruth Bornstein Strauss  
 30 Emil N. Winkler  
 31 Louis Policow

**February 2017**

1 Irene Toabe Fagen  
 1 Joseph Rains  
 1 Samuel Resnick  
 2 Philip Aranowitz  
 2 Arthur Goodman  
 3 Lawrence Friedman  
 3 Charles "Chuck" Ginsburg  
 3 Fred Greenbaum  
 3 William Lewis  
 3 Michel Toabe  
 4 Karin Goldstein  
 4 Seymore Horenstein  
 4 Annie Mankoff  
 4 Barbara Righter  
 5 Shirley Greenbaum  
 5 William David Resnick  
 5 Charles Righter  
 6 Hannah Cooper  
 7 Benjamin M. Feinberg  
 7 Manuel Kalaminsky  
 7 Angy Moore  
 8 Reina Etta Feinberg  
 8 Bernard Riback  
 9 Morris Rodman  
 10 Stephen Goldberg  
 10 Mae Hirschhorn  
 11 Sadie Stein  
 12 Harold Hoffman  
 12 Arthur Kallman  
 12 Ida B. Resnick  
 13 Kay Levenson-Meltzer  
 17 Isadore Rothstein  
 18 Abraham Jacob Toabe  
 19 Rabbi Abraham Hirsch Carlin  
 19 Roberta Lipetz  
 19 Meyer J. Myer  
 19 Richard Pecorella  
 19 Rina Strumsky Shamir  
 20 Ethel Berger  
 21 Sarah Litcofsky  
 22 Saul Dezoirett  
 22 Frank Gladstein  
 23 Max Kramer  
 23 Helen Rice  
 23 Edward Romanow  
 24 Harry Dorph  
 24 Beatrice Feinberg  
 24 Adele Pevzner  
 24 Hilda Keil Toabe  
 25 Arthur Rosenblum  
 25 Sally Sarke  
 26 Ida Penn  
 26 Morris Resnick  
 27 Charles Shafram  
 28 Jeanne Gurwitch  
 28 David Holsberg

**JANUARY 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 No Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	4	5	6 7:30 Simcha Shabbat Oneg: Jeff Isaacson	7 7:00 pm—9:30 pm Brotherhood Movie: Avalon
8 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:30 Confirmation	9 8:30 Limud Torah Study	10	11	12	13 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	14
15 9:30 Brotherhood Breakfast	16 8:30 Limud Torah Study	17 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	18	19	20 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	21
22 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:30 Confirmation	23 8:30 Limud Torah Study 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	24	25	26	27 6:00 Tot Shabbat 7:30 BrotherhoodShab- bat Service Oneg: Brotherhood	28
29 10:00 Beit Sefer	30 8:30 Limud Torah Study	31				

**FEBRUARY 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7:30 Simchat Shabbat OnegS usanne Lelyveld- Wittenberg :	4
5 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:30 Confirmation	6 8:30 Limud Torah Study	7 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	8	9	10 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	11
12 10:00 Beit Sefer 10:30 Confirmation	13 8:30 Limud Torah Study	14	15	16	17 7:00 Shabbat Service Oneg:	18
19	20 8:30 Limud Torah Study	21 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	22	23	24 7:30 Shabbat Service Oneg:	25
26	27 8:30 Limud Torah Study 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	28	1	2	3 7:30 Simchat Shabbat Oneg:	4

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