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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!”

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

5772 HOLIDAYS

Wed, Feb 8, Tu B'Shvat (New Year for Trees)

Thurs, March 8, Purim

Sat, April 7, Pesach (Passover)

Thurs, April 19, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Thurs, April 26, Yom Haatzmaut (Israeli Independence Day)

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



A MESSAGE FROM RABBI SILVERMAN...

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 Shabbat, the fourth day of Chanukah this year, we read the list of the offering brought by Elizur of the tribe of Re'uvan. The phrase "dedication of the altar" is the key here. For in Hebrew it is "chanukat ha-miz-bay-ach," a phrase that carries the name of our festival within it and which, incidentally, concludes the familiar song, "Ma'oz Tsur." My wish is that our festival of Chanukah, our festival of Dedication (referring to the rededication of the altar in 165 BCE) bring 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."

Rabbi Lawrence Silverman

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST

Monday morning, January 16, 8:00 a. m., at Plymouth South High School (Long Pond Road). Sponsored by the Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association, the Town of Plymouth's "No Place for Hate" Committee, and the Plymouth Public Schools, the event will feature awards for students, including two MLK scholars; a notable guest-speaker; and an amazing expression of community solidarity. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students. Available from Rabbi Silverman, Dr. Barry Meltzer, Ronnie Hirschhorn, Sue Moore, and at the door. Please watch the "Weekly Update" for additional details.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

As I prepare this article, Hannukah is just a day away. In retrospect, I hope you all had a joyous holiday. I often find that the changes of seasons, especially in climates like that of New England, make time seem to accelerate at an ever-faster pace. Come the winter, I begin to worry that there won't be enough time to realize all the hopes I had last summer. But then I stop long enough to note all that is truly happening and I feel relieved – and very grateful. I am particularly indebted to all those members of CBJ who do so much: to our Sisterhood and Brotherhood who sponsor and organize so many meaningful and enjoyable activities; to the PTO for enriching our children’s religious and cultural experiences; to our Beit Sefer teachers and administrators for their expert attention to our student’s Jewish education; to our Ritual Committee for their many efforts to enhance our spiritual lives; to the Rabbi for his constant leadership and guidance; to our Executive Board members who keep our buildings intact, seek and welcome new members, raise sufficient funds to maintain our current dues structure, advertise and publish news of the many events and activities we sponsor; and, lastly, to those responsible for all the other things – both large and small – that our synagogue does on a regular basis. Without these many hardworking members, CBJ would not be the wonderful organization that it is. All the activities that are so effectively accomplished cannot happen without volunteers committed to making them happen! And where will these volunteers continue to come from? Why, of course, from the very congregants that they so generously serve. From YOU. So, please give serious consideration to the following “want ad” and contact me at fsarke@gmail.com if you have any questions about or interest in joining our team. Please do your part to help insure that Congregation Beth Jacob continues to be all that she can be...

Thank you,

Fred Sarke, President

WANTED

CBJ members to fulfill the following positions:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Adult Education Committee Chairperson | First Vice President for 2011 - 2012 |
| Social Action Committee Chairperson | President for 2012 - 2013 |
| Second Vice President for 2011-2012 | Beit Sefer Principal for 2012 - 2013 |

CONGREGATION BETH JACOB EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| Fred Sarke – President | Joanne Levy – Member-at-Large |
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| Ronnie Hirschhorn – Corresponding Secretary | Mel Klasky – Member-at-Large |
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| Alan Koplan – Assistant Treasurer | Irene Sarke – Member-at-Large |
| | Phil Waltuch—Member-at-Large |

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- Arnold Gladstein
 Brian Duckman
 Larry Winokur

DONATIONS

RABBI'S MITZVAH FUND

Anonymous (5 gifts)

A new Siddur in honor of STEPHEN GOLDBERG'S 65th Birthday

By Alyce and Arnold Gladstein

In memory of our Mother and Grandmother, NANCY MARCUS GOLDEN

By Susan Golden and Zaria Golden

In memory of NANCY GOLDEN

By Roxy Simpson

In memory of ELAINE CARLSON

By Roxy Simpson

By THE JOHN DA SILVA MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of my beloved Father, BENJAMIN RIGHTER

By Bill Righter

In memory of Judith's Father, MAX KRENIS

By Allan and Judith Sherman

In memory of Lois Klasky's Sister, ELIZABETH VAN WEST SOKOLOV

By Stephen and Suzanne Goldberg

In memory of our Father and Grandfather, MORRIS BLOOM

By Sheila, Laurie, and Kenneth Bloom and their families

Donations during our recent appeal for funds, accompanied by contributions in support of the Hospitality Program for the Homeless, include:

Gift in honor of DR. BARRY AND FAY MELTZER

Gift in honor of ROSE GELLER

YAHARZEIT FUND

In memory of Al Sarke from Fred & Irene Sarke
 In memory of Pearl Breslow from Richard Breslow
 In memory of William Lashin from Fred Sore

RESNICK FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Pauline Resnick, Stanley David Resnick, and Alice Shanker Resnick from Bernard Resnick

Gift in honor of HARRIETTE MINSKY
 Gift by STEPHEN AND SUZANNE GOLDBERG
 Gift by SHERRI AND ED SORE
 Gift by THE FAMILY OF LAWRENCE GELLER (2)
 Gift by ANN AND STEPHEN FRIED
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 Gift by Mrs. Altman-Massie's RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASS
 Gift by DR. MICHELLE BAUM
 Gift by JUDGE GREGORY AND BRENDA BALER
 Gift by DR. RAY AND MILLY RUSSO
 Gift by MARK AND LAURA GOLDBERG
 Gift by KARIN GOLDSTEIN
 Gift by WILLIAM RIGHTER
 Gift by GORDON AND JANET STRAUSS
 Gift by DR. FRED AND IRENE SARKE
 Gift by STEPHEN AND JACKIE WINOKUR
 Gift by PAUL AND PAMELA SECHOKA
 Gift by ELLIOTT AND JOANNE LEVY
 Gift by MELVIN AND LOIS KLASKY (2)
 Gift by WILLIAM MULLER
 Gift by DR. BARRY AND FAY MELTZER
 Gift by TED AND JILL DUGGAN
 Gift by YOSSEF AND ANDREA CHODIN
 Gift by DR. ARTHUR AND HARRIET GOODMAN
 Gift by HARRIETTE MINSKY
 Gift by KURT & TRUDE WEISHAUPSTAMP FUND

PLEASE NOTE:

The Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund supports special educational and charitable projects for the benefit of the Congregation and in its name. Gifts in any amount are always welcome, and are acknowledged to the donor and/or to the honoree, or to the family of one who has been remembered. Your contributions are important throughout the year. Please direct gifts and dedication instructions to Rabbi Silverman. (Checks payable to CBJ-Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund, and sent to P. O. Box 3284, Plymouth 02361.) Your support is always appreciated.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

Is there anyone here who remembers Harold Stassen? He was a perennial loser in the US Presidential elections in the 50s. I feel like him at times because I don't understand why we don't have greater participation in the CBJ gift card program.

I want to ask you a simple question. Do you shop for groceries? Do you realize that by that simple act, you can immensely help CBJ? Let me paraphrase a quote by a favorite Massachusetts son, "Ask not what your synagogue can do for you, but rather what you can do for your synagogue." If we expect the face of Judaism to continue as we have known it, we all need to support it. Call it "your love of Lawrence." I call it a "no brainer" fundraiser. Your dues aren't enough to carry forward with expenses incurred to maintain our presence. Think of salaries, utilities, repairs, ongoing maintenance and supplies.

Here is how you can help in a painless, no impact on your budget fundraiser. Our gift card program has no hidden fees and you receive full value for the cards you purchase. The commissions CBJ earns are in reality a contribution to your synagogue. Regardless of your status, employed, unemployed, under employed, retired, receiving benefits from a governmental entity, independently wealthy ~ you can help. All the items you purchase on a regular basis are available through these cards...with minor exceptions. You can purchase cards for groceries, restaurants, coffee shops, sandwich shops, clothing, fuel, travel, auto parts, beauty parlors, entertainment, vacations, etc.

Here is how the program works. Your purchase \$100 in supermarket cards (Stop and Shop, Hannafords, Shaws, The Market) and your CBJ earns \$5.00....that simple! You might need a new electronic toy ~ we have Best Buy or Staples cards. For clothing we have Land's End, LL Bean, J.Jill, Talbots, Old Navy, Gap to name a few. Each card has a different commission and during any given month there will be promotional commissions announced in the weekly email updates.

We currently have 1/3 of the CBJ community participating on a regular basis as well as several non CBJers. During the four plus years I have managed this program, those participating families have purchase just over \$250,000 worth of cards. If we were able to increase your participation in this program by 50% more congregants, we would be well on the way to greater financial stability. Consider this an investment in the future of your family. This is for you, your children and your grandchildren. We simply can't sit here resting on the laurels of our past. What worked yesterday doesn't always work today. WE NEED YOU & YOU & YOU!

Our treasury should not need to come to you begging for more money. We would be able to afford to offer more programs or pay for property maintenance and improvements not covered by set asides. Latest example would be the repair of this roof.

Some would argue their credit card company reward points would be impacted by participation in this program. If you compare the benefit CBJ derives versus the monetary value of your points, I'm sure you'll see the immediate benefit to CBJ as opposed to minimum points necessary before an redemption can be taken. With Stop and Shop and Shaws cards, most all with minor exceptions at the pharmacy, you earn points for fuel purchase discounts.

Personalized payment and delivery systems are available. I am at Beit Sefer each Sunday until noon when our schools are in session. You may also contact me at home through the internet or by phone. At each use of your card(s) your remaining balance is on the receipt.

So...what's in your heart and wallet?

Carl Finer

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Going, Going, Gone! The Annual Sisterhood Pound Auction will be held on Saturday, February 4th, 2012 at the Temple. Once again Paula Keller and her committee will provide all who come with a evening full of laughter. Last year was record breaking for turnout and fundraising. Start saving your money so you can bid, bid, bid! Details will follow as to theme, time, and food so watch the weekly newsletter.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Brotherhood will hold another breakfast on Sunday, January 15 at 9:30am (CC) with guest speaker Marianne Leone Cooper...author, screenplay writer, actress and wife of actor Chris Cooper. Marianne Leone has a compelling story to share with us in the form of her latest work "Knowing Jesse," a story of grief, race and everyday bliss. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$5 for Brotherhood and Sisterhood members. Non-member fee is \$10. For reservations, please contact Dan Hirschhorn at 508-747-7216 or by email at aprocess@aol.com by January 4th.

BEIT SEFER NEWS



Beit Sefer students entertained residents of Emeritus assisted living with Hanukkah songs and dreidel games.

PARTY NEWS

PARTY members (from left to right) Ben Wal-tuch, Erica Burke and Liz Sheldon, attended NFTY Northeast's December Institute at URJ Eisner Camp in Great Barrington, MA. They enjoyed prayer services, programming, entertainment and socializing with 150 NFTY-NE teens and faculty.



Yahrzeits During January/February

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

JANUARY

1 Samuel Berger
 1 Anna B. Toabe
 5 Edwin Goldberg
 5 Samuel Arons
 10 Martin Rubin
 11 Kay Sugerman Cohen
 11 Nettie Green
 11 Louis Sherman
 12 Kay Hodosh Falstein
 12 Ruth Ross
 13 Samuel Gereboff
 14 Adeline Winokur
 14 Melvin Bloom
 14 Helen Evans
 17 Ronald Goldberg
 18 Edith Beatrice Kagan
 19 Jessica Pershing Strauss
 20 John Jacob Marcus
 21 Bessie Skulsky
 22 Shirley Lubin
 22 Hyman Aranowitz
 25 Mendel Aranowitz
 26 Rebecca Shriber
 27 Ruth Bornstein Strauss
 27 Emil N. Winkler

28 Louis Policow
 29 Joseph Rains
 30 Philip Aranowitz
 31 Charles Ginsburg
 31 Fred Greenbaum
 31 Michel Toabe
 31 Lawrence Frieman

FEBRUARY

1 Seymore Horenstein
 1 Annie Mankoff
 2 Shirley Greenbaum
 4 Manuel Kalaminsky
 4 Angy Moore
 6 Morris Rodman
 8 Sadie Stein
 10 Kay Levenson-Meltzer
 15 Abraham Toabe
 17 Ethel Berger
 17 Roberta Lipetz
 17 Rina Shamir (nee Strumsky)
 18 Hilda Keil Toabe
 19 Frank Gladstein
 21 Harry Dorph
 21 Adele Pevzner
 22 Arthur Rosenblum

23 Ida Penn
 25 Jeanne Gurwitch
 29 Hyman Sherman

Notes on Yahrzeit observance:

In the Jewish calendar, this year is a leap-year. As a result, yahrzeits will be observed later in the season than they were last year. 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.



"May the Memory of each one abide as a Blessing"

Our Condolences

The Congregation mourns the recent death of our long-time member MORRIS BLOOM, and offers our condolences to his family.

The Congregation mourns the recent death of HERMAN LOWE and offers our condolences to Mercia Tapping and their family.

The Congregation offer condolences to Melvin and Lois Klasky on the recent death of her Sister, ELIZABETH VAN WEST SOKOLOW.

Members, Guests and Friends of CBJ:

I am happy to remind you of a program that was recently started here at Congregation Beth Jacob. We have instituted a new method 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

LIMUD TORAH/TORAH STUDY GROUP

We are returning to our study of the Torah; and we shall also be looking at how the ancient rabbis revealed themselves in the stories they told to supplement Biblical narratives. While knowledge of Hebrew can be helpful, we study our texts in English. Please feel free to join us any week or each and every week. Our study sessions are on most Mondays from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., at the Synagogue. In the coming weeks, we plan to meet at the regular time on the following dates: January 2, 9, 23, and 30; and February 6, 13, and 27. Please watch the "Weekly Update" for additional details.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT ED. PROGRAMS

On Sunday morning, January 29, we begin a series of monthly Adult Education programs. Please join us for our first event, beginning at 10:15 a. m., at the Community Center, when Rabbi Silverman will lead a discussion of the topic, "How to Talk with our Children about God." Light refreshment will be available. Please watch the "Weekly Update" for additional details.

SIMCHA SHABBAT, JANUARY 6-7

Friday, January 6, 7:30 p. m., at the Synagogue --
 FAMILY SERVICE FOR WELCOMING SHABBAT
 NAMING OF CHRISTINE BURKE

Saturday, January 7, 9:30 a. m., at the Synagogue --
 B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS PARTICIPATING
 Kiddush after the service and discussion on the topic,
 "The Symbolism of the Chagall Windows" (referring
 to the 12 Tribes, as portrayed at Hadassah Hospital)

HINENI

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Jacob announce the initiation of a new program (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 coordinators, Steve and Suzanne Goldberg @ 508-833-8896, or Rabbi Silverman @ 508-746-1575. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Limud Torah/ Torah Study 8:30am (S)</i>	3 <i>Sisterhood Meet- ing 7pm (S)</i>	4 <i>Brotherhood Movie Night</i>	5	6 <i>Simcha Shabbat 7:30pm (S) Oneg: Isaacson/Shulman Naming of Chris- tine Burke</i>	7 <i>Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am (S) B’Nai Mitzvah students partici- pate</i>
8 <i>Beit Sefer 9:45am (CC) Craft Day PTO Meeting 9:45am (CC) Confirmation Class (CC)</i>	9 <i>Limud Torah/ Torah Study 8:30am (S)</i>	10 <i>Brotherhood Meeting 7pm (S)</i>	11	12	13 <i>Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i>	14
15 <i>Brotherhood Breakfast 9:30am (CC)</i>	16 <i>Martin Luther King Breakfast 8am (PSHS)</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S) Broth- erhood Oneg: Brother- hood</i>	21
22 <i>Teacher’s Meeting 9:00am (CC) Beit Sefer 9:45am (CC) Confirmation Class</i>	23 <i>Limud Torah/ Torah Study 8:30am (S)</i>	24	25 <i>Rosh Chodesh Shevat</i>	26	27 <i>Shabbat Services 7:30pm (S)</i>	28
29 <i>Beit Sefer 9:45am (CC) Adult Ed Class 10:15am (CC)</i>	30 <i>Limud Torah/ Torah Study 8:30am (S)</i>	31				

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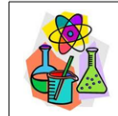
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