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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!”

MARCH / APRIL 2013

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

First of all, I hope that all of you weathered the “Blizzard of 2013” and subsequent nasty weekends with a minimum of discomfort and damage. The Synagogue had its share but more on that later. Much has gone on since I last wrote you.

Our initial renovation projects have all been completed. Included were the integration of the ark from the Community Center into the eastern wall of the Bimah, a major enhancement of the electrical system, the gutting and rebuilding of both bathrooms, improvements to our emergency exits, and the remodeling of the balcony into a much needed storage area. Unfortunately a frozen water pipe caused by the blizzard, split and completely ruined one of the new bathrooms. Our insurance will cover the cost and it is again being rebuilt.

Projects in the works include the redesign and construction of our Tree of Life and some improvements to the kitchen. Life at the Synagogue, since we left the Community Center, has gone on quite comfortably. Beit Sefer classes have adjusted to their new home, Brotherhood continues its “sumptuous breakfasts,” Sisterhood’s Pound Auction was a great success, and the Bimah looked beautiful for our first Bat Mitzvah in the renovated Sanctuary.

I’m also very happy to report that sometime this June we will have a “Hundred Year Celebration” to rededicate the Synagogue. The new Tree of Life and the Sanctuary will be featured. There will be plenty of advanced notice so please try to attend.

Thank you and have a healthy and safe rest of the winter.

Fred Sarke
President, CBJ

5773 HOLIDAYS

Tues., Mar. 26, Passover

Sun., Apr. 7, Yom Hashoah

Mon., Apr. 15, Yom Hazikaron

Tues., Apr. 16, Yom Haatzma-ut

Sun., Apr. 28, Lag Ba’Omer

Wed., May 15, Shavuot

Tues., July 16, Tishah B’Av

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



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SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood's last major event of the spring is its 69th Annual Donor Luncheon to be held on Sunday, May 19th at noon at Carmela's Restaurant, 138 Main St, Kingston. Reservations are \$40.00 for donor, \$50.00 for sponsor and \$60.00 for patron. There is a \$5.00 pp early bird discount if your reservation is received by April 12th. This year's event will have a raffle and to our delight Frimma Buckman has donated a painting! Your check is your reservation. Invitations will be mailed the end of March. Checks are to be made out to CBJ Sisterhood and mailed to Suzanne Goldberg, 106 Cliffside Drive, Plymouth 02360. This is Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser so please be as generous as you can and join us for a wonderful afternoon. Men are welcome as are non- Sisterhood members. Come see what all the fun is about!

Sisterhood is looking for a new president. Suzanne's term is up in May. Please think about stepping up and leading this vital CBJ organization.

BEIT SEFER NEWS

In January and February, the children learned about the rituals and traditions of a Jewish wedding. This 3 week unit culminated with a wonderful mock wedding ceremony centered around our fictional bride and groom, Beth Jacob and Joshua Fineman. Each child played an important role in the ceremony, from Rabbi to flower girl. It was a lovely event followed by a reception complete with dancing and a cake. It looked like everyone, including the many guests, enjoyed this special day.

On the evening of Saturday, March 2nd, Rabbi Silverman led a Havdalah service, which was preceded by pizza, generously provided by the PTO.

Due to the unpredictable winter weather, the Purim carnival was postponed to Sunday, March 10th.

In March and April, we will focus on the second part of the Israel unit. We will concentrate on Israel's capital city of Jerusalem and will also discuss Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day). On March 24th, the children will learn about Passover and we will have our annual Chocolate Seder.

Parents should remember that students are expected to attend at least 4 Shabbat services during the school year. We have Simcha Shabbat services scheduled for Friday, April 5th and Friday, May 3rd. However, if your child is unable to attend on these dates, they can go to any of the Friday night or Saturday morning Shabbat services. Simply write a note and have Rabbi Silverman sign it. Then hand it in to Laura Finkel so credit is given for your child's attendance.

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Cards available Sundays at Beit Sefer. This is truly a no brainer fundraiser and there is absolutely no impact on you budget. Contact Carl Finer for your purchase: 1-508-224-6461 or cjfiner@gmail.com.

Thank you for your anticipated support!

Carl Finer
CBJ Fundraising



PARTY NEWS...

Erica Burke recently represented NFTY-NE at the NFTY Youth Convention in Los Angeles California.

SPLASH INTO SPRING POOL PARTY!

CBJ Youth in grades 8—12 are invited to attend a “Splash Into Spring” Pool Party with CAPTY of Cape Cod Synagogue on Saturday, March 30, at the Cape Point Hotel in West Yarmouth from 5:30pm—9:30pm. There will be a kosher for Passover dinner, Havdalah, and lots of pool fun! Contact Christine Burke, PARTY Advisor for more information and to RSVP at 781-588-4667 or party@cbjplymouth.org.



"THE JEWS OF PLYMOUTH"

BY KARIN GOLDSTEIN

Pre-publication Announcement

A historical account of the development of our Jewish community in the Plymouth area, written by our own Karin Goldstein, is on its way to the publisher. The book is expected to have a list price of \$20.00. Karin would like to make a number of the books available to CBJ members and friends for the pre-release price of \$18.00; and to do that, she needs to know how many to order. If you are interested in having one or more books ordered for yourself or your family, please call the Rabbi's Study (508-746-1575) and leave a message, including your name and the quantity desired.

Behrman House has supplied curriculum materials to Jewish schools for many, many years. They now have an Online Learning Center for families, as well as for organizations and teachers. If you are looking to add to you your child's Jewish experience, check it out at <http://www.behrmanhouse.com/familieslearn>.

LIMUD TORAH/TORAH STUDY GROUP

Our study of the weekly Torah portion continues, midrash and commentaries included. Our texts are in English translation. We meet most Mondays, from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Please watch the Weekly Update for March/April dates.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Please, please, please...in light of the recent storms, the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse is in need. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable items to donate whenever you come to the Synagogue.

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.

The Congregation sends a hearty “Mazel Tov” to...

Christine & Rick Burke on their daughter ASHLEY recently becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Jeff & Julienne Isaacson on their daughter, AJA recently becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

My name is Melissa Kirby and I am preparing for my Bat Mitzvah to be held May, 2013. My cousin was stationed overseas on the front line for a year. During that year my dad, mom, sister and I sent a box a month to him. I would like to continue that during my Bat Mitzvah year starting May, 2012 sending one box a month to a service man or woman overseas. Does anyone in the Congregation have a loved one overseas in the armed services? If so, please e-mail to my mom, Robin Kirby at robink12@verizon.net the details as far as the correct name and address to send a box overseas. If there are too many folks I will need to put all the names in a hat and pull one per month for a total of 13 boxes to be sent. If anyone would like to help with donations for the boxes, there will be a box at the Synagogue labeled “Donations for Service Men and Women.” Items needed are things like razors, individual packaged fun food, fun little trinkets, baby wipes (the small travel containers are best), and best of all, hand- made cards! Thank you for your support!

DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Fund

Pamela & Paul Sechoka, In Memory of Edwin Goldberg
 Laura & Mark Goldberg, In Memory of Lawrence Fredman
 Richard & Susan Breslow, In Memory of Phillip Ratick
 William Righter, In Memory of Hannah Cooper & Charles Righter
 David Rodman
 Lawrence Winokur, In Memory of Adeline Winokur
 Sheri, Ed & Lisbeth Sore, In Memory of Elaine Brown & William Lashen
 Benny's—Howard Bromberg, In Memory of Samuel & Sadye Gereboff
 Joe & Paula Keller, Dara, Scott & Cooper Campanella, In Memory of Harry Keller

Resnick Family Education Fund

Bernard Resnick, In Memory of Ida Resnick
 Paula & Shelly Markofsky

Sarah & Abraham Sherman Fund

Rose Geller, In Memory of her cousin, Stanley Brown

Estelle Pokross Fund

Allan & Judith Sherman, In Memory of Max Krinis, Beloved Father of Judith Sherman & Louis Sherman—Beloved Father of Allan Sherman

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.

Yahrzeits During March/April

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

March

1 Susan Starr
 2 Molly Skulsky Balonis
 3 Adele Hollander
 3 Barbara Hirschhorn
 4 Ben Lipman
 5 Adele Baler
 7 Sayde Arons
 9 Phillip Van West
 9 Isidore H. Waterman
 10 Henry Grace
 10 Charlotte Lippman
 10 Samuel Bailey
 10 Beatrice Klein
 11 Lawrence Hollander
 13 Bernard Skulsky
 13 Janet Kalaminsky
 14 Ida Herman
 16 Isaac Cohen
 16 Bessie Shepard
 18 Samuel Poretsky
 21 Mary Jane Katz
 21 Joseph G. Resnick
 25 Sadye Sherman Gereboff
 25 Albert Silverman
 25 Louis Segal
 27 Ida Cohen
 27 Mitchell Toabe
 27 Leah Supornick

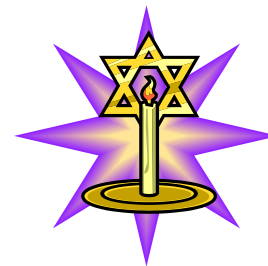
27 Henry Feinberg
 27 Samuel Poretsky
 29 Fannie Penn

April

2 Max Winokur
 3 Joseph Barney Van West
 3 Joseph Greenberg
 6 Hyman John Klasky
 6 James Moore
 7 Day of Holocaust Remembrance
 7 Eleanor Goldberg
 9 Leigh Robinson
 13 Jacob Keller
 13 Morris Binday
 14 Estelle Pokross Sherman
 15 Ruth Lipman
 15 Samuel Cohen
 15 Lillian Goober
 20 Helen Pearce
 24 William Lippman
 28 Stella Bromberg
 28 Arnold Shelly
 30 Harvey Cohen

May

3 Miriam Polak Lelyveld
 4 Kalman Aharoni



*"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.

MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	2 Shabbat Service - Aja Isaacson Bat Mitzvah 10:00am
3	4	5	6	7	8 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	9
10 Purim Carnival 10:00am	11 Limud Torah/Torah Study Group 8:30am- 10:00am	12 Brotherhood Meeting 7pm	13	14	15 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Jay & Rhonda John	16
17 Beit Sefer 9:45am	18 Limud Torah/Torah Study Group 8:30am- 10:00am	19	20	21	22 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Fred & Irene Sarke	23
24 Beit Sefer 9:45am Chocolate Seder	25 Passover—1st Seder	26 Passover—2nd Seder	27 Passover	28 Passover	29 Passover Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: CBJ Sisterhood	30 Passover TYG Pool PARTY 5:30pm (Cape Cod Synagogue)
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APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Passover	2 Passover Sisterhood Meeting 7pm	3	4	5 Simcha Shabbat 7:30pm	6
7 Yom Hashoah Service 7pm (Church of the Pilgrimage)	8	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	13
14	15	16	17	18	9 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	27
28 Beit Sefer 9:45am	29	30				

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