



THE NEWSLETTER OF  
CONGREGATION BETH JACOB

מה-טבו אהליך, יעקב, משכנתיך, ישראל!

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

January/February 2007

Tevet/Sh'vat/Adar 5767

# WELCOME 2007

DEAR CBJ MEMBERS:

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME IN WELCOMING 2007! WITH EACH PASSING NEW YEAR CELEBRATION, I TRY TO NOT ONLY REFLECT UPON WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE YEAR I LEAVE BEHIND, BUT LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT THE YEAR TO COME HAS TO OFFER. WITH 2007 AHEAD I SEE A YEAR OF HOPE, LOVE, LAUGHTER, FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY AND FAITH. WITH THE UPCOMING YEAR I WOULD LIKE TO WISH THESE THINGS AND MORE TO ALL OF YOU. ADDITIONALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SPENT SO MUCH TIME TO PUT TOGETHER INFORMATION FOR THE TENT. I AM SO PLEASED WITH THE OUTPOURING OF SUBMISSIONS, QUESTIONS, IDEAS AND POSITIVE FEEDBACK. I TRULY FEEL EXCITED WITH EVERY PASSING DAY AS I PUT TOGETHER THE THOUGHTS, IDEAS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED TO ME. IT MAKES OUR TENT A REAL MEMBER OF THE CBJ COMMUNITY. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE I PRESENT THE NEXT EDITION OF THE TENT AND THE FIRST EDITION OF THIS NEW YEAR. WITHOUT FURTHER ADO.....

HAPPY READING AND BEST WISHES IN 2007.



STEFANIE ZEITZ  
EDITOR

*DID YOU HEAR?*  
THE JEWISH HISTORY  
PROJECT IS BACK!  
TURN TO **PAGE 4** TO  
READ ABOUT THE  
HARLOW-BISHOP-  
KAPLOWITZ HOUSE



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## WHERE ARE YOU?

*Have you changed your telephone number  
or email address?*

*Have you switched from Adelphia to  
Comcast?*

*Please send an email to  
[cbjpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:cbjpresident@yahoo.com) to update your  
information in the new  
CBJ directory.*

### YAHRZEIT

Yahrzeit Observance begins the evening before the date shown  
 "May the Memory of each one abide as a Blessing"



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|----------------------|---|
| <b>JANUARY</b>       | January 27                                    |
| January 5            | Seymore Horenstein                            |
| Martin Rubin         | Annie Mankoff                                 |
| January 6            | January 28                                    |
| Kay Sugerman Cohen   | Shirley Greenbaum                             |
| Nettie Green         | January 30                                    |
| Louis Sherman        | Manuel Kalaminsky                             |
| January 7            | Angy Moore                                    |
| Kay Hodosh Falstein  | <b>FEBRUARY</b>                               |
| Ruth Ross            | February 1                                    |
| January 8            | Morris Rodman                                 |
| Samuel Gereboff      | February 3                                    |
| January 9            | Sadie Stein                                   |
| Melvin Bloom         | February 5                                    |
| Helen Evans          | Kay Levenson-Meltzer                          |
| Adeline Winokur      | February 10                                   |
| January 12           | Abraham Jacob Toabe                           |
| Paula Lesser         | February 11                                   |
| Ronald Goldberg      | Cecille Rosen                                 |
| Anne Nigrosh         | February 12                                   |
| January 13           | Ethel Berger                                  |
| Isadore Albert       | Roberta Lipetz                                |
| Edith Beatrice Kagan | Rina Shamir                                   |
| January 15           | February 13                                   |
| John Jacob Marcus    | Hilda Keil Toabe                              |
| January 16           | February 16                                   |
| Bessie Skulsky       | Harry Dorph                                   |
| Shirley Lubin        | Adele Pevzner                                 |
| January 17           | February 17                                   |
| Hyman J. Aranowitz   | Arthur Rosenblum                              |
| January 20           | February 18                                   |
| Mendel Aranowitz     | Ida Penn                                      |
| January 21           | February 20                                   |
| Rebecca Shriber      | Jeanne Gurwitch                               |
| January 22           | February 23                                   |
| Emil N. Winkler      | Max Shriber                                   |
| January 23           | February 24                                   |
| Louis Policow        | Hyman Sherman                                 |
| January 24           | *Some customs associated with Yahrzeit        |
| Joseph Rains         | observance are: lighting a memorial candle    |
| January 25           | at home on the evening of the beginning of    |
| Philip Aranowitz     | the Yahrzeit period; saying Kaddish during    |
| January 26           | a Shabbat service close to the Yahrzeit;      |
| Charles Ginsburg     | donating to a charity or one of CBJ's special |
| Fred Greenbaum       | funds in memory of the one whose Yahrzeit     |
| Michel Toabe         | is being observed.                            |

# RABBI'S REPORT

## RABBI'S REPORT

### A Message from Rabbi Silverman



Winter has come. For New Englanders, this fact of life is a mixed blessing. Full of beauty and the sheer pleasure of children's tumbling, sledding, building and watching the snow. This season also brings with it the need and expense of warm clothing, warm meals and warm houses—and of course, the occasional effort involved in “digging out.”

As this issue of The Tent reaches you, our Jewish year is looking ahead to mid-winter's month of Sh'vat, which brings with it a special day known as “Tu Bishvat,” the New Year of the Trees. In the Land of Israel, this is the time when some of the fruit-tree (most notably, the Almont) begin to put forth their first buds. In New England, the trees are doing nothing of the sort; and yet we are called upon to observe this special day, which has meaning not only in relation to the Land of Israel, but also for us. In deepest winter, on the full moon of this month of Sh'vat, we generate new life for our world and for our faith by planting a tree.

The tree we plant in the earth or, at least, the tree we want to be planted, has roots that extend into our own lives. This tree stands for us as an *Etz Chayim*, a Tree of Life. It is dedicated to helping us nurture that which promotes life, purpose, meaning, growth and the beauty to the world. We express the desire that now, deep in winter, each one of us will find the strength to renew oneself for this task.

Winter looks ahead to spring-time, to the growth and budding of trees and to the bearing of fruit. Winter looks also just to itself, teaching us to sow and find the seeds of a good future within our own hearts.

*Rabbi Lawrence Silverman*

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#### Gifts Recently Received

- \* Anonymous
- \* In Gratitude for Mark Lelyveld's Recovery from emergency Surgery By Addie Lelyveld
- \* In Memory of Ann Castleman By Carl and Dr. Arlene Abramson
- \* In Memory of my Father, Marc Myr by Sylvania Myr

#### Gifts Received to Hospitality Program

- Annelise Katz
- Dr. Barry and Fay Meltzer
- Harriette Minsky
- Rose Geller
- Morris Bloom
- Vicki and Gerry Fitzgerald
- Melissa and Jay Goldbach

*Note: additional gifts to the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund have been acknowledged in previous mailings in "News and Notes" from Rabbi Silverman*

*The Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund supports special educational and charitable projects for 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. Please direct gifts and instructions to Rabbi Silverman. Your support is always appreciated. (Checks payable to CBJ-Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund)*



#### LIMUD TORAH/TORAH STUDY GROUP

Our thoughtful reading of the Torah continues in the Book of Leviticus. While knowledge of Hebrew helps, we mostly use a good English text. Our small group is always open to anyone who is interested. Come and learn! Monday's 8:30 to 10 am at the synagogue, every Monday except the civil holidays (January 8, 22, & 29 February 5, 12 & 26)

#### MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

#### Donors to our High Holiday Appeal

- Anne Geller
- Rose Geller
- Annelise Katz
- Dr. Barry and Fay Meltzer
- Harriette Minsky
- Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund

#### RABBI'S TELEPHONE CALLING INFORMATION

Rabbi Silverman is generally reachable directly during the following hours:  
Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday  
from 10 am until Noon  
The special number is 508-322-0514



# JEWISH HISTORY PROJECT

## HARLOW-BISHOP-KAPLOWITZ HOUSE



*When Myra Glansberg called me five years ago to ask me if I was interested in working with Bern Resnick, Ray Russo, Vicki Fitzgerald and others to research the history of Plymouth's Jewish community, I was enthusiastic. In the process of finding out where Plymouth's earliest Jews lived, I became interested in the Summer/High Street urban renewal neighborhood. Five years later, I've completed a 337-page dissertation on the neighborhood over 350 years. Thanks for the inspiration--who knows where volunteering for CBJ can lead!*

*Photograph Above: Kaplowitz House in its original location c.1960 Plymouth redevelopment Authority*

In the early 1900s, most of Plymouth's two dozen or so Jewish families lived just south of Town Brook, particularly on Summer and High streets. Sadly, many of those houses were torn down in the urban renewal project of the 1960s. A handful of houses remain, including Berg's house at 68 Summer, the Greenspoons' home at 60 Summer, and houses like 46-48 Summer, where several Jewish families lived over the years. The Harlow-Bishop House, now located at 22 Summer Street, also has a Jewish history. Although named for two 18<sup>th</sup>-century owners who owned the house for 20 and 33 years respectively, the house was the Kaplowitz family home for 50 years.

Both Harris (b. c1871) and Mary Glickman Kaplowitz (b. c1874) came from Russia or Lithuania. They had at least four children, all born in Massachusetts: Louis, Sadie (b. 1903), Dorothy (b. 1905) and David (b. 1908). The Kaplowitzes lived at 52 High Street as early as 1907, and ran a clothing store on Market Street. Harris died suddenly in the influenza epidemic in 1918, leaving Mary to care for the children. Mary, along with Samuel Glickman (her brother?) had speculated in property for several years. In addition to the shop at 28 Market, the Kaplowitzes and Glickmans owned rental property at 49 and 57-59 Summer, and 50 and 52 High Street. The Kaplowitzes bought the house at 49 Summer Street, located just west of where the John Carver Inn parking lot is now, in 1915.



**HARLOW-BISHOP-KAPLOWITZ HOUSE CONTINUED...**

The Kaplowitzes were still living in the house in the 1960s when the Summer Street area was slated for redevelopment. While most of the neighborhood was to be demolished, their house, with its unusual brick ends and four chimneys, was chosen to be moved and restored as a model of preservation. Owner David Kaplowitz, however, did not like the idea of having to give up his home. He wrote irate letters to the *Old Colony Memorial* and contacted historical organizations, protesting the destruction of the neighborhood.

The plan to preserve the house almost fell through in 1965. Angered by the renewal project, Kaplowitz would not agree to a sale price for the house. Plymouth Redevelopment Authority staff discovered that the government grants would not cover the moving of houses, only demolition. Summer Street needed to be widened, and the lot where the Kaplowitz house stood was to be cleared for the construction of Spring Hill Apartments. The house seemed doomed to be demolished.

The story of how the house was saved is exciting. One July afternoon Mrs. Mabel Wentworth, a summer resident, drove into town to mail a letter. She overheard a woman protesting the destruction of an elm tree near one of the houses being demolished. She went to investigate and heard about the imminent demolition of the Kaplowitz house. "Give me a week to save this house," she requested of the Redevelopment Authority.

Mrs. Wentworth was not only extremely capable, she was also well connected. A resident of Washington, D.C., she understood the legislative process and was also a personal friend of Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy. Wentworth's first action was to try to change federal legislation to help save the house. She flew to Washington to meet with Housing and Home Finance Association commissioner William Slayton and impress upon him the need to secure federal funding to move the house. Slayton reviewed the regulations and determined that the current legislation did not provide for moving or restoration. He suggested that they contact Senator Kennedy to propose an amendment to the 1949 Housing Act.

Wentworth contacted Kennedy, who, along with Texas Senator John Tower, proposed a bill, which passed July 14, 1965. Since the government would only fund moving the house, Wentworth, along with Joan Kennedy and others, established the Plymouth Heritage Trust to restore and maintain the house. With the rider in place, the house was moved across the street to a cleared parcel at 22 Summer Street, its present location. With restoration complete, the PRA turned the house over to the Plymouth Heritage Trust for \$1 on November 9, 1966. The Trust rented part of the house to the Plymouth County Nurses Association. In the early 1990s the CNA sold the building, which became a private home.

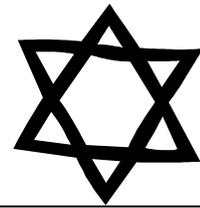
Today the house bears a plaque describing its role in establishing preservation legislation. While the plaque refers to the "Harlow-Bishop House," it is important to remember the house was a part of Plymouth's Jewish community for 50 years.



**MAZAL TOV**  
A Hearty Mazal Tov to David Anekstein, son of Jeremy and Diane Anekstein and the entire family on David's Becoming a Bar Mitzvah



# BEIT SEFER



**"Bring Us Your Jewish Children and We Will Educate Them.  
Don't Bring Us Your Children and Expect Us to Make Them Jewish."**

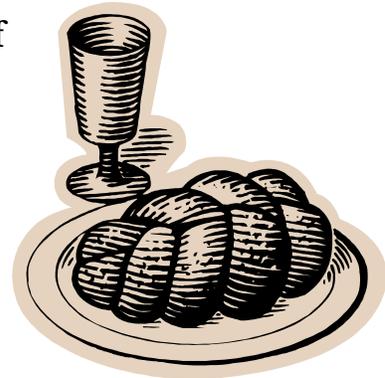
## **News From Beit Sefer**

We are looking forward to starting a new unit in January. **Shabbat.** Since, as we all know Shabbat is the most important Jewish holiday on the calendar, we need and want to convey this to our children.

So, we will be studying Shabbat for the next 3 weeks in January and then conclude the unit with our students participating in a Shabbat service on January 26, 2007.

We are asking our students to share Shabbat with their families as we study Shabbat in class. By the end of January they will be able to know what Shabbat is, why it is important, how it is celebrated, what a Shabbat service looks like, and the blessings over the Shabbat candles, Challah, and wine. Most importantly they will have celebrated Shabbat with their families with their full participation.

**We invite everyone** - students, their families, and the congregation, to share the conclusion of this unit of study by attending our January 26th Shabbat service. Let us show our children that we, too, celebrate the importance of Shabbat.



Rebecca Contos is a responsible 13 year old girl who is available for babysitting and resides in Carver. Rebecca has taken both the home alone program as well as the Babysitting courses at the Jordan Hospital. Home telephone number is 508-866-9648.

# CBJ ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

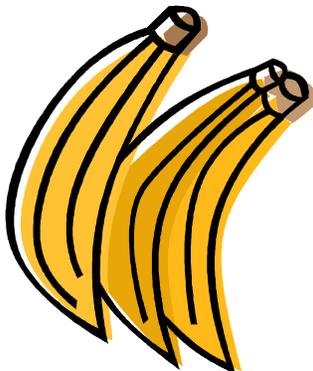
Continuing education? Education continues. There are whole worlds of ideas and information out there. Come on along and claim your piece of the action!

## JANUARY

- Sunday January 14 at 10 am at the CBJ Community Center  
ON BEING HUMAN  
“Talking with ourselves and each other about the human condition” will be a conversation between CBJ member Dr. Murray Cion and Rabbi Lawrence Silverman. Audience participation not merely encouraged but actively sought.
- Sunday January 21 at 10 am at the CBJ Community Center  
TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT...  
How shall we talk to our children about...God? About life and death and other such important issues? These challenges sometimes seem momentous to parents. Rabbi Silverman will address them this second talk about talking. Bring your own concerns and questions. Lots of Q and A.

## MARCH

- Sunday March 5 at 10 am at the CBJ Community Center  
UNSUNG JEWISH HEROS  
There have been all too many opportunities for heroism in Jewish history. Many of these men and women you will have learned about. Others not. Come and hear the remarkable stories of three of the, told by Vicki Fitzgerald. Surprises practically guaranteed. If you wish, there will be time to share stories of your own in a similar vein.



**LOOKING TO TRY A NEW  
RECIPE? TURN TO PAGE 15  
AND TRY DAVID COHEN'S  
FAMOUS 1 EGG BANANA  
BREAD!**



# CBJ YOUTH GROUP



## HERE IS WHAT WE ARE DOING

REVOLUTION PREP, a NFTY sponsored SAT and ACT preparatory course program, is currently negotiating with the Plymouth schools for a room rental. This is great news since it is central to ALL of our families. We will keep you up to date. Remember that NFTY members have a discounted cost.

**Friday, November 10 - November 12** - Sun Arielle, Gabrielle, and Ben attended the Fall Conclavette in Andover, MA. A Dance-A-Thon. They all had a GREAT time and met many new friends. There were social action projects on Saturday for all.

### FUTURE NFTY DATES

**January 20th - January 21st** will be the Post-Institute Dance and Regional Board Meeting

**January 26th - January 28th** is MANTY'S ever popular Winter Wonderland

PLEASE keep **Friday, February 2nd** open for our annual SPAGHETTI dinner/Shabbat Service

**\*\*\*\*ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME\*\*\*\***

**KEEP THESE DATES OPEN**



PTO would like to thank everyone for the fantastic support for the Beit Sefer Book Fair.

2007

January 7; February. 4; March 11; April 1; May 6  
Meetings will be held at 12 pm so all interested may attend at the Community Center

Some Future topics:

January 27 th at 7:30 p.m.

Oneg for Beit Sefer Service

Topics:

Book Fair review

Replace carpet at rear of Weishaupt Hall

What would we like to do next?

# CBJ EVENT NEWS AND INFORMATION



**MEMO**  
NEW POLICY

ALL FUTURE CBJ HOLIDAY EVENTS, JUST LIKE OUR COMMUNITY SEDER WILL BE RESERVATION REQUIRED. WE NEVER TURN ANYONE AWAY DUE TO FINANCIAL HARDSHIP. PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE RABBI OR OUR DUES ABATEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON ALAN KOPLAN IN ADVANCE OF THE RESERVATION DEADLINE

**POUND AUCTION & POTLUCK SUPPER**

Back by popular demand! Bring a wrapped or bagged pound of something, whether dumb, clever, practical or provocative so we can have our auctioneer Paula Keller start the bidding to benefit CBJ.

Saturday Night **February 10**. BJCC 6:30pm

Please bring a dairy or pareve salad, soup, sandwich, dish or dessert so we can have a surprise menu meal together before the auction starts. We promise a wild winter night of friends, food and funny stuff for all who show up!

Menu ideas: corn chowder, waldorf salad, tuna or egg salad finger sandwiches, quiche, kugel, cake, apple crisp, or pie



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our Annual Second Night of Passover Community Seder is scheduled for **Tuesday April 3rd**.

**THE HOSPITALITY PROGRAM**

During November and December, working with the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless, our CBJ Community Center served as a night-time homeless shelter for a number of men in the area. Once again, we are immensely grateful to our volunteers, who helped us in many ways.

Financial supporters through December 1 are listed under the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund in this issue of The Tent. Chaperones and meal-providers will be acknowledged in the next issue.

We thank them and all our members for making it possible for us to participate in this community project.

Thank you Vicki Fitzgerald who volunteered to be the Seder Chairperson and will be organizing the 2007 CBJ Passover Second Night Seder. Watch for further details with the reservation form in the next exciting issue of the TENT (March-April). Our CBJ Seder is truly a wonderful community effort, made for and by our members. We keep the price low so everyone can afford to participate together in the Festival of our Freedom.



**BABYSITTING SERVICES AVAILABLE!**

My name is Maya Bridgewater. I am 12 years old and am in the 7th grade at Rising Tide Charter School. I also began studying for my Bat Mitzvah in May. I have taken the Jordan Hospital Babysitting course and have had experience babysitting young children. I am ready, willing and able to take care of your child. I would appreciate your consideration the next time you need a sitter. Thank you.

Maya Bridgewater 508-830-1189

# DOHERTYS



## JEWELS AND JUST DESSERTS UPDATE

On November 7, our evening of Jewels and Just Desserts was enjoyed by 14 members of Sisterhood. Thanks to Rosanne Dana for the delicious homemade treats and to everyone who purchased items. Our Sisterhood treasury netted \$43 from the sales!



### Meetings

*Sunday January 7, 2007 we've scheduled our next Sisterhood meeting so more members of the PTO can attend. At 10 am join us for coffee and bagels, meeting will begin by 10:15am.*

*February meeting will be at the usual date and time Tuesday February 6, 7pm weather Permitting.*

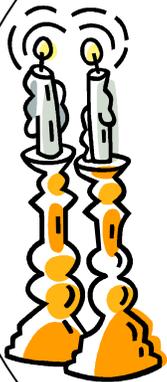


## Maccabees and Memories



CBJ's Third Night Chanukah Party was a candle twinkling, tummy tickling, "Sufganiyot" song singing celebration for 103 members and friends. Thanks to Sisterhood and the PTO for providing the delicious dinner, desserts, decorations and goodie bags for the children. Special applause for our own entertainers "Judah and the Maccabees," Lloyd Rosenberg (AARP Not!) and all the kids. Every child received a goodie bag, enjoyed cookie decorating and frantic dreidel games. Thanks to Renee and Aline MacDonald for making up the goodie bags. And a big thank you to Our Lady of Latkes, Cindy Teles and all her helpers for expert shredding and frying, Yum-O! What a great event!

## Thank you



We want to thank our new Oneg Shabbat chairperson, Tamar Thomas, for all the calls and contacts she has been making. We have been enjoying many lovely Oneg Shabbats this year because of her successful scheduling of hosts.



## MITZVAH MENTION

ROXIE" SPOTLESS" SIMPSON DID A MITZVAH AND CLEANED THE KITCHEN AT THE SYNAGOGUE FOR US. WOW!

THANK YOU!

THANKS TO BARBARA AHARONI WHO TOOK ON THE TASK OF CLEANING OUT THE SISTERHOOD CLOSET.

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

BY SHEILA FINER

## REFLECTIONS!

A MONTH BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS THE STORES ARE PACKED WITH HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND GIFTS AND THE MUSIC IS BLARING TRYING TO GET US INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT. WE ALL COMPLAIN HOW STRESSED OUT WE ARE TO MEET DEADLINES PUT UPON US. WOULD'N'T IT BE NICE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS AND REFLECT ON 2006 AND ALL WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR? MY PERSONAL REFLECTIONS INCLUDE:

- MY FAMILY HAS HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS HEALTH-WISE THE PAST FEW YEARS, BUT WE CAN BE THANKFUL THAT THIS HAS BEEN A FAIRLY HEALTHY ONE. MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY HAVE ALSO GONE THROUGH THEIR TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS, BUT EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE HEALING NICELY AND GETTING BACK TO NORMAL.
- WE HAVE WITNESSED MANY MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS THIS YEAR AND SHARING IN THOSE MITZVAHS HAS BEEN A BLESSING.
- TRAVELS BROUGHT CARL AND ME TO WHITWELL, TENNESSEE TO VISIT THE SITE OF THE SIX MILLION PAPER CLIPS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL. THAT WILL BE A TRIP WE WILL NEVER FORGET.
- AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION, I'M THRILLED TO BE ABLE TO REPORT THAT CBJ IS THRIVING. NEW MEMBERS AND SEASONED ONES ARE COMING OUT TO HELP IN MANY WAYS. OUR NEW PUBLICITY COMMITTEE IS SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT CBJ AND PLANNING FOR MUCH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT US IN PRINT AS WELL AS ON TV. NOW WE'RE NOT JUST KNOWN AS THAT BUILDING NEXT DOOR TO FRIENDLY'S, BUT RATHER A JEWISH COMMUNITY FILLED WITH LOTS OF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR ALL TO PARTAKE OF.

TAKE A FEW MOMENTS, REFLECT BACK ON 2006 AND LOOK INTO THE FUTURE AND SEE HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2007. JOIN US FOR SHABBAT SERVICES AND SEE HOW CBJ CAN MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF.

### **SPECIAL SHABBAT EVENING**

#### **A TIME FOR MEDITATION**

**Is it Time for a New Idea?**

**Friday, January 19, 6:30 pm**



Shabbat Services take place every Friday evening beginning at 7:30 pm.

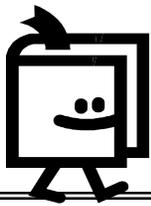
On Friday evening, January 19, which marks the Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat (the New Moon of the Month of Sh'vat), please join us at 6:30 to open for Services and enjoy this special time with those who would like to take part in a period of silent meditation, prayer, reflections and contemplation. The Rabbi will welcome all participants and provide a brief introduction to the reason for this part of the Shabbat observance.

After a ten-minute break, the Kabbalat Shabbat Service (the regular service to welcome Shabbat) will begin at 7:30 pm.



THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO SHABBAT SERVICES ON FRIDAY EVENING, **JANUARY 12TH** TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AS WELL AS RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE WITH OUR CHAI, DOUBLE CHAI AND TRIPLE CHAI MEMBERS.

PLEASE JOIN US AT 7:30PM AT THE 11 COMMUNITY CENTER.



# PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

## UPDATES

We have greatly increased the amount of information shown in the "FREE" Listings in the OCM, The Plymouth Bulletin and the Patriot Ledger. These listing will be continually updated depending on what event is due to take place.

We are in the process of working on a printed promotional briefly describing the past history, while illustrating the current "identity" of CBJ and expanding on the programs available. This printed piece will be distributed to the congregation (hoping they will pass it on), real estate offices, hotels, etc., in order to spread the word on "who" CBJ is and what CBJ does.

In addition, David Finer is working to develop a CD that will run no more than 5-7 minutes. This CD will provide (in both film and voice over) a brief glimpse of the past history and current involvement of CBJ in the Jewish Community. Once completed, this CD in combination with the printed promotional will be provided as a media kit to be distributed to prospective members to the congregation.

### News Releases have gone out promoting:

- The Rabbi Library readings
- The Book Fair
- The Chanukah Party
- Operation "SMILE" (Contribution of stuffed animals for children in the emergency room of Jordan Hospital and the Pediatric ward of Toby Hospital). We are looking to expand on this program to include municipal vehicles which might help ease the trauma of children in a stressful situations.
- "LOCKS" of Love - we are looking to possibly expand on this worthwhile program (and sacrifice on our Rabbi's part) to include the general community.

Posters and Bulletins relating to these events will be put on the various bulletin boards (allowing us to do so) in Super Markets, Retail Stores as well as our Community Center.

## BUILDING



## COMMITTEE

The Building Committee wishes to commend and recommend NorthEast A/C for an excellent and very inexpensive job at maintaining and fixing the Community Center heating system on Oct. 26, 2006. Carl of NorthEast A/C can be reached at Cell 508-989-3232 Office 508-224-9200.

- \* Both buildings downspouts have been fixed, CC skylight has been closed, and attic aperture has been insulated and closed (by Alan Drew and Sam Gorfinkle).
- \* To save money, some windows may not be reglazed, but covered with plastic, or plywood
- \* Synagogue gutters have been cleaned.
- \* Community Center boiler room lights have been fixed.
- \* All heating systems at C.C. have had filters cleaned or replaced.
- \* Thanks to Gary Brooks for having painted the Fire Escape welded strengthenings.
- \* Thanks to Sam Gorfinkle for his ongoing volunteer work. Latest job: clear repainting of CC benches.
- \* Thanks to Alan Drew for loaning his pressure cleaning equipment we used to clean the CC brick foundations. We are now seeking professional Pointing, and will repaint in spring - for which we will need volunteers.
- \* Weissshaupt Hall is now actively being used each Monday evening by a small Fencing class.




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# FUNDRASING

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# TU B'SHEVAT



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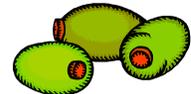
*TU B'SHEVAT*, THE 15TH OF SHEVAT ON THE JEWISH CALENDAR, IS THE DAY THAT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A "NEW YEAR FOR TREES." THIS IS THE SEASON IN WHICH THE EARLIEST-BLOOMING TREES IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL EMERGE FROM THEIR WINTER SLEEP AND BEGIN A NEW FRUIT-BEARING CYCLE.

LEGALLY, THE "NEW YEAR FOR TREES" RELATES TO THE VARIOUS TITHES THAT MUST BE SEPARATED FROM PRODUCE GROWN IN THE HOLY LAND. THESE TITHES DIFFER FROM YEAR TO YEAR IN THE SEVEN-YEAR SHEMITTAH CYCLE; THE POINT AT WHICH A BUDDING FRUIT IS CONSIDERED TO BELONG TO THE NEXT YEAR OF THE CYCLE IS THE 15TH OF SHEVAT.

WE MARK THE DAY OF *TU B'SHEVAT* BY EATING FRUIT, PARTICULARLY FROM THE "SEVEN KINDS" THAT ARE SINGLED OUT BY THE TORAH IN ITS PRAISE OF THE BOUNTY OF THE HOLY LAND: WHEAT, BARLEY, GRAPES, FIGS, POMEGRANATES, OLIVES AND DATES.

ON THIS DAY WE REMEMBER THAT "MAN IS A TREE OF THE FIELD" (DEUTERONOMY 20:19) AND REFLECT ON THE LESSONS WE CAN DERIVE FROM OUR BOTANICAL ANALOGUE.

SOME CUSTOMS FOR THIS DAY:

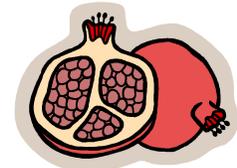


IT IS CUSTOMARY TO INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF FRUITS ONE EATS ON THE 15TH OF SHEVAT, IN ORDER TO PRAISE G-D WHO CREATED ALL THESE SPECIES OF FRUITS.

THE BLESSING RECITED ON FRUIT IS:  
(IN HEBREW:)



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ



(TRANSLITERATION:)

*BARUCH ATAH A-DONAY, ELO-HEINU MELECH HA'OLAM BOREI PRI HA-AITZ.*

(TRANSLATION:)

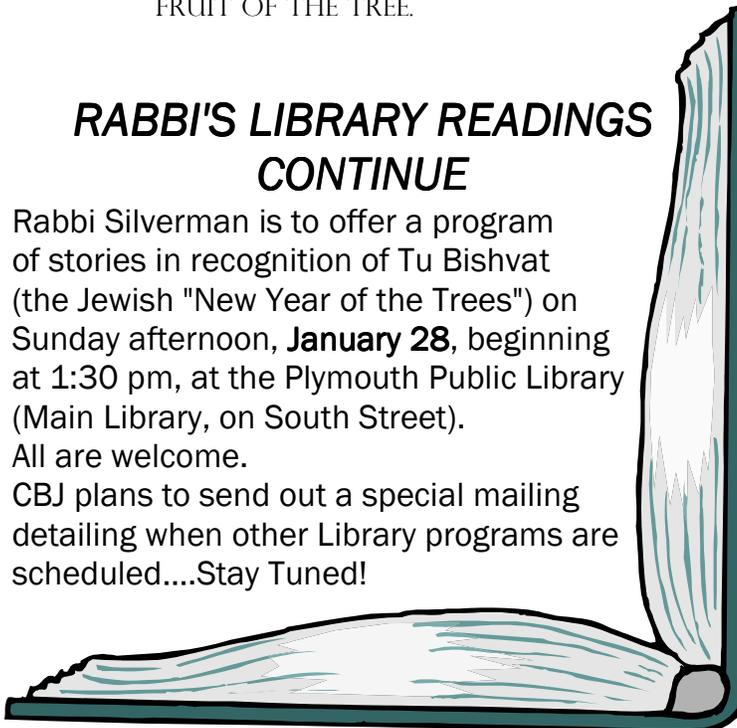
BLESSED ARE YOU, L-RD OUR G-D, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO CREATES THE FRUIT OF THE TREE.

## RABBI'S LIBRARY READINGS CONTINUE

Rabbi Silverman is to offer a program of stories in recognition of Tu Bishvat (the Jewish "New Year of the Trees") on Sunday afternoon, **January 28**, beginning at 1:30 pm, at the Plymouth Public Library (Main Library, on South Street).

All are welcome.

CBJ plans to send out a special mailing detailing when other Library programs are scheduled....Stay Tuned!





### ONEG SHABBAT

Please select a special Friday to host **Oneg Shabbat!** It is a joyous opportunity for CBJ members to get together after Friday night services. It is a minimal cost with a spiritual reward.

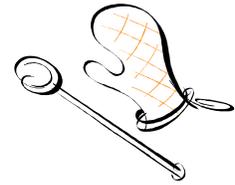


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# IN THE KITCHEN



*The following recipes come from David Cohen. A big THANK YOU for submitting your tried and true recipes. Please submit your recipe to be featured in the next edition of the Tent, and to share with the CBJ family.*

## **BAKED BEANS**

Required Equipment: a bean pot or large heavy Dutch oven

Cover 1 pound navy beans in water soak overnight. In the morning, pour water off and refill with fresh water, just to cover. Boil for 15 minutes. Put 1 large onion to bean pot or Dutch oven. Pour beans and water into bean pot. Add 4 tablespoons molasses, 4 tablespoons dark brown sugar, 1 teaspoon of dry mustard, a pinch of kosher salt, 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda and 1 pound of brisket with a good chunk of fat. Cover beans and meat with hot water, just to cover. Place lid over bean pot. Bake in a 300 degree oven for 4 hours, or until brisket is tender. Add water, as needed, to keep moist. Adjust amount of water to maintain desired consistency of gravy. Uncover to brown for the last hour.

Note: all seasonings and spices may be adjusted for taste



### **DAVE'S 1 EGG BANANA BREAD**

4 ripe bananas

1 cup sugar

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 1/2 cups flour

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup melted butter (1 stick)

1 cup raisins (brown or golden)

1 cup walnut halves

1 cup dates

1 large egg

Note: more than 1 cup of raisins, walnuts and dates can be used. Other options include prunes and apricots too!

Mix all dry ingredients together (sugar, flour, salt and baking soda). Mash bananas and mix all ingredients in a medium bowl. Meanwhile, melt butter in a loaf pan and pour half into the batter. Pour batter into loaf pan and sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes. Test with a knife blade or toothpick. It should emerge dry. Let cake cool in loaf pan. Serve cake from loaf pan and store in pan as well. Do not cover whole cake for safe storage, only cover the cut end.

## **MACAROON RECIPE**

1 14 ounce package of shredded coconut

1 can of sweetened condensed milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and stir well. Cover and let stand overnight in refrigerator to let ingredients blend. Place tablespoon-sized clumps of batter onto very well greased cookie sheet. Cook at 300 degrees. Watch VERY carefully and remove when coconut begins to brown around the edges. The macaroons burn and harden quickly so make sure to pull the out of the oven when just browning. Remove from cookie sheet immediately and cool on a well greased wire rack.



# January 2007

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                   |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|
|  | <b>1</b><br>NO HEBREW SCHOOL<br>11th of Tevet   | <b>2</b><br>12th of Tevet<br>2nd year Hebrew 4-5:15 pm Synagogue | <b>3</b><br>13th of Tevet   | <b>4</b><br>14th of Tevet<br>3rd year Hebrew 4-4:50 pm Synagogue<br>1st year Hebrew 5-6:15 pm synagogue  | <b>5</b><br>Shabbat 7:30 pm Synagogue<br>15th of Tevet  | <b>6</b><br>16th of Tevet  |
| <b>7</b><br>Beit Sefer<br>Shabbat Unit Confirmation<br>17th of Tevet<br>Sisterhood 10 am<br>PTO 12 pm CC   | <b>8</b><br>4th yr Hebrew 4:30-6 pm synagogue<br>18th of Tevet                            | <b>9</b><br>2nd yr Hebrew 4-5:15 pm synagogue<br>19th of Tevet   | <b>10</b><br>20th of Tevet  | <b>11</b><br>3rd yr Hebrew 4-4:50 pm synagogue<br>1st yr Hebrew 5-6:15 pm synagogue<br>21st of Tevet     | <b>12</b><br>Shabbat Services 7:30 pm Synagogue<br>New Member Shabbat<br>22nd of Tevet  | <b>13</b><br>23rd of Tevet |
| <b>14</b><br>Beit Sefer Shabbat Unit Preschool<br>All CBJ Community Meeting 12:30 pm<br>Adult Education "On Being Human" CBJ CC 10 am<br>24th of Tevet | <b>15</b><br>Martin Luther King, JR Day<br>NO HEBREW SCHOOL<br>25th of Tevet              | <b>16</b><br>2nd yr Hebrew 4-5:15 pm synagogue<br>26th of Tevet  | <b>17</b><br>27th of Tevet  | <b>18</b><br>3rd yr Hebrew 4-4:50 pm synagogue<br>1st yr Hebrew 5-6:15 pm synagogue<br>28th of Tevet     | <b>19</b><br>Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Synagogue<br>Shabbat Meditation before services 6:30pm<br>Oneg: Ronnie Hirschhorn<br>29th of Tevet | <b>20</b><br>1st of Sh'vat |
| <b>21</b><br>Beit Sefer Shabbat Unit Confirmation<br>Adult Education "Talking to Kids About..." CBJ CC 10 am   | <b>22</b><br>4th yr Hebrew 4:30-6 pm synagogue<br>CBJ Board Meeting 7 pm<br>3rd of Sh'vat | <b>23</b><br>2nd yr Hebrew 4-5:15 pm synagogue<br>4th of Sh'vat  | <b>24</b><br>5th of Sh'vat  | <b>25</b><br>3rd year Hebrew 4-4:50 pm synagogue<br>1st year Hebrew 5-6:15 pm synagogue<br>6th of Sh'vat | <b>26</b><br>Shabbat Services 7:30 pm synagogue<br>Beit Sefer Service<br>7th of Sh'vat  | <b>27</b><br>8th of Sh'vat |
| <b>28</b><br>NO BEIT SEFER<br>9th of Sh'vat  | <b>29</b><br>4th year Hebrew 4:30- 6 pm synagogue<br>10th of Sh'vat                       | <b>30</b><br>2nd yr Hebrew 4-5:15 pm synagogue<br>11th of Sh'vat | <b>31</b><br>12th of Sh'vat |  |   |                            |

# February 2007

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|  |   |  |  | <b>1</b><br>3RD YEAR Hebrew 4-4:50 pm synagogue<br><br>1st year Hebrew 5-6:15 pm synagogue<br><br>13th of Sh'vat | <b>2</b><br>PARTY Spaghetti dinner 6:30 pm CC<br><br>Shabbat Services 7:30 pm CC<br><br>14th of Sh'vat     | <b>3</b><br>Beit Sefer Noah Unit Confirmation<br><br>15th of Sh'vat<br><br>Tu B'Shvat |
| <b>4</b><br>Beit Sefer Golden Age of Spain I unity<br><br>PTO 12 pm CC<br><br>16th of Sh'vat           | <b>5</b><br>4th year Hebrew 4:30-6 pm synagogue<br><br>17th of Sh'vat                           | <b>6</b><br>2nd year Hebrew 4-5:15 pm synagogue<br><br>Sisterhood 7 pm<br><br>Brotherhood 7 pm<br><br>18th of Sh'vat | <b>7</b><br>19th of Sh'vat                       | <b>8</b><br>3rd yr Hebrew 4-4:50pm synagogue<br><br>1st yr Hebrew 5-6:15pm synagogue<br><br>20th of Sh'vat       | <b>9</b><br>Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Synagogue—<br>Oneg: Paula Keller and Cindy Teles<br><br>21th of Sh'vat | <b>10</b><br>22nd of Sh'vat<br><br><b>Pound Auction and Potluck 6:30 pm CBJ CC</b>    |
| <b>11</b><br>Beit Sefer Golden Age of Spain I Unit<br><br>Preschool Confirmation<br><br>23rd of Sh'vat | <b>12</b><br>4th yr Hebrew 4:30-6pm synagogue<br><br>24th of Sh'vat                             | <b>13</b><br>2nd yr Hebrew 4-5:15pm synagogue<br><br>25th of Sh'vat  | <b>14</b><br>26th of Sh'vat                      | <b>15</b><br>NO HEBREW SCHOOL<br><br>27th of Sh'vat  | <b>16</b><br>Shabbat Service 8pm Synagogue<br><br>Oneg: Joanne Levi<br><br>28th of Sh'vat                  | <b>17</b><br>29th of Sh'vat,  |
| <b>18</b><br>30th of Sh'vat<br><br>Rosh Chodesh Adar   | <b>19</b><br>NO HEBREW SCHOOL<br><br>Presidents Day<br><br>1st of Adar<br><br>Rosh Chodesh Adar | <b>20</b><br>NO HEBREW SCHOOL<br><br>2nd of Adar   | <b>21</b><br>NO HEBREW SCHOOL<br><br>3rd of Adar | <b>22</b><br>4th of Adar   | <b>23</b><br>Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Synagogue<br><br>5th of Adar  | <b>24</b><br>6th of Adar  |
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