

THE NEWSLETTER OF
CONGREGATION BETH JACOB

מה-מנו אהליך, יעקב, משכנתיך, ישראל!

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

March/April 2007

HAPPY PURIM AND PASSOVER

Adar/Nisan/Iyyar 5767

BEING A PART OF THE FAMILY THAT IS CBJ

I've said it before and I'll say it again, being a part of CBJ is like having a whole extended family! From the first day Jeff and I contacted CBJ to inquire about becoming a member, we were immediately embraced and became part of an instant family. There were committees to join, functions to attend and a lot of ways to be an active participant, even with busy schedules. The CBJ family, while still a somewhat new family for us, has become a family which we enjoy immensely. It is a family that is there for you to celebrate with, kibbutz with, discuss the future with and most of all rely on to be there unconditionally. That is something that we cannot always say about friends and family, but about CBJ family, it is absolute. As the holiday's approach, both Purim and Passover, I think of the enjoyment and togetherness that these holidays bring, and how CBJ ensures that all "family members" have a way to be involved and participate in the holiday rituals. Purim, with the carnivals, parades, costumes, children and adults enjoying storytelling, community kinship and tradition together. And Passover, where the CBJ family comes together for second night to celebrate together. CBJ is truly a family unto itself! There are so many activities to participate in and attend, committees to join and mitzvahs to make. For every activity I attend and participate in, I am so thankful for the opportunities that CBJ affords me to belong to and contribute to a wonderful Jewish community and an active and special family. It is rare to be in a community that has such potential for one to be a real part of an extended welcoming family. Here's to the CBJ family, my family, and the years to come!

Best Wishes,
Stefanie Zeitz
Editor



THE TENT. LIVE! AND IN COLOR

Do your part and help CBJ save time and money!

Our newsletter is now available online and in **living color**. We would like to reduce our costs and eliminate as many paper copies of the newsletter as possible. If enough people agree to read it online, we can save quite a bit with each release. Please contact Alan at 508-746-3181 if you still wish to receive a paper copy in the mail. If we do not hear from you, we know you are looking forward to seeing it online. There will always be extra paper copies available in the synagogue and community center as well.

We will send out a broadcast email each time a new newsletter is posted to our CBJ website.

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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 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"



Dinah van West	March 1
Sally Sarke	March 4
Rose Goldberg	March 7
Elizabeth Rains	March 7
Susan Starr	March 10
Adele Baler	March 12
Phillip Van West	March 17
Henry Grace	March 18
Charlotte Lippman	March 18
Bernard Skulsky	March 21
Ida Herman	March 22
Bessie Shepard	March 24
Samuel Poretsky	March 26
Mary Jane Katz	March 29
Leo Eckman	March 31
Sadye Sherman Gereboff	April 2
Albert A. Silverman	April 2
Bessie Black	April 2
Leah Supornick	April 4
Mitchell Toabe	April 4
Joseph Barney Van West	April 11
Hyman John Klasky	April 14
James Moore	April 14
Rubin Berman	April 21
Jacob Keller	April 21
Estelle Pokross Sherman	April 22
Samuel Cohen	April 23
Dorothy Eckman	April 23
Helen Pearce	April 28
William Lippman	May 2
Stella S. Bromberg	May 6
Arnold Shelly	May 6

[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.]

RABBI'S REPORT

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A Message from Rabbi Silverman... THOUGHTS FOR PURIM

A minor feast in the Jewish calendar, Purim is highlighted by the reading of a special scroll, called the *Megillah*, which narrates the ancient Purim story. The *Megillah* is identical with the Biblical Book of Esther. The key protagonists in the story are, on the one side, Queen Esther and her cousin Mordecai, and on the other side, Haman, who has been appointed prime minister of Persia. The king of the realm is a weak-willed character who time-and-again is moved to action by events that are incidental to the main issues. Vashti, the former queen, is herself removed as a result of one of the king's emotional outbursts. She remains in memory as a silent and silenced witness to the independence of Woman in a time and place ruled by insecure men. It is perhaps ironic that, alone of all the books in the Tanach (the Jewish Scripture), the Scroll of Esther makes no mention of the deity. It is as if God, too, is silent in such a time, when human beings are responsible for working out their own destiny.

The figure of Haman has become a conventional stereotype for the anti-Semite. According to the narrative, Haman suffers a loss of pride when he is apparently slighted by Mordecai, who does not bow down to the self-important prime minister. Not wishing to seem so petty as to go after Mordecai alone, Haman manufactures a charge against Mordecai's people, that is, against the Jews in general, based upon the observation that they are somehow different. The Jews are targeted for destruction, and are saved through the intervention of Esther. Ironically, one of the keys to Esther's success is her initial concealment of her identity as a Jew. At the turning-point of the story, it is her disclosure of her true identity to the king that turns the tide against Haman.

Like Esther herself, each and every one of us knows what it is like to be part of a minority in a large and diverse realm. In fact, today's America is so diverse, that at one time or another, even members of the so-called majority have probably experienced the feeling of being in a minority. Like Esther, who initially concealed her identity, we too may have accepted the conventional wisdom that "discretion is the better part of valor," and refrained from acknowledging our heritage. In the face of such "discretion," the Book of Esther teaches us that there is a moment of truth, when one must stand up and be counted. As the rabbinic sage Hillel used to say (as quoted in the Mishnah), "If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am for myself alone, what am I?"

Come and join us for CBJ's Purim celebration on Purim morning, Sunday, March 4!

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Gifts Recently Received

Anonymous

IN APPRECIATION, a Special Gift By Jill Duggan and Family

In Memory of LOUIS STEIN By Rose Geller,
Dr. and Mrs. Harry Keller & Family

In Memory of EDWIN AND MILDRED GOLDBERG,
Parents of Pamela Sechoka,
and in Memory of PAUL SECHOKA, Sr., Father of Paul
Sechoka By Pam and Paul Sechoka

In Memory of LAURA OPPENHEIM By Carl and Arlene Abramson

A Special Gift By Dr. Frank and Gloria Finkelstein

In Honor of LOIS KLASKY'S Recovery By Mel Klasky

In Honor of a Special Birthday for ALYCE GLADSTEIN By Len and
Elaine Freed

Special Gifts Have Been Received From:

Larry Rosenblum & Jean Loewenberg
Dr. David and Pat Grace
Lloyd Rosenberg and Linda Mackey
Betsy Wallace.

Donations to General Fund:

Gene and Ruth Posner Foundation
Sheila Toabe Davis

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)



RABBI'S LIBRARY READINGS CONTINUE

Rabbi Silverman is to offer a program of Stories of Elijah in recognition of Passover on Thursday afternoon, April 12, beginning at 4:00, at the Plymouth Public Library (Main Library, on South Street). All are welcome.

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



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 mornings, 8:30 to 10:00, at the Synagogue, on the following dates in March and April: March 5, 19, and 26; April 23 and 30 (Mondays, except Passover and Patriots Day.)³

JEWISH HISTORY PROJECT

THE BASS FAMILY

By Karin Goldstein



Market Street looking south to Pleasant Street, 1960. The Bass house is on the right. The roof of the synagogue can be seen at the left.

The Basses were one of Plymouth's early Jewish families, but have long since moved away. This is the information that could be gleaned from public records. If anyone knows any information about the Basses, it would be very helpful!

Each year thousands of people walk along the Town Brook path just west of the synagogue across Pleasant Street. Few, however, realize that there used to be a small street there. Bass Alley (aka Bass Place) ran from Pleasant Street along the Brook, and was the site of several barns and a house.

Kasiel Simon Bass first appears in Plymouth records in 1897, when he bought the lot at 1 Pleasant Street from Mary Harlow Finney. The alley along Town Brook was previously known as Morton Alley, after the Morton family, who ran a mill nearby. Bass lived there with his wife Hannah and children through the 1920s. By 1909 the lane was referred to as "Bass Place."

Bass (born c. 1860) came from Austria (or Germany or Poland) by 1890. His first wife was Neska Wasner, who appears to have died while still in Europe. Three of Bass's children were born in Germany or Austria and emigrated in 1897. Anna (Annie Helene) (1886 - 1952) married William Berg, son of Plymouth businessman Joseph Berg in 1909. They had two children: Annette (b. 1910) and Milton (b. 1916). Bass's other two children by his first marriage were Rosa (b. 1888) and Harry (b. 1890).

By the end of the century Bass had married Hannah Pearlberg (born c.1860 in Hungary, Germany or Poland), a widow with a child. The two had several children in Plymouth, including: Becca (b. & died 1899); Sadie (b. 1900); Jenny (b. 1903) and Esther (b. 1906).

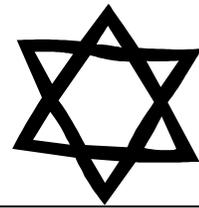
Bass was a businessman who ran a Variety Store at 13 Market Street (today the site of the parking lot across from Dunkin Donuts). From about 1907 through 1911 Bass ran a second business as well—in 1907 a second-hand furniture store at 32 Market Street, and later a shop at 44 Court Street.

One of the things Bass sold at his variety store was Plymouth souvenir china. A member of the congregation has a porcelain dish from the early years of the century. On the bottom it is marked "Imported for KS Bass." While souvenir china imported for CT Robbins and CT Harris is quite common (indeed, Bass took over Robbins' store), items marked for the Jewish businessman are unusual.

The house at Bass Place remained in the family until 1947, when it was sold to the Romanos. It has the notoriety of being the first house to be torn down as part of Plymouth's urban renewal project, in 1963. When we walk along the pathway we should remember just one of our Jewish community's contributions to Plymouth history.



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

Let's Go to a Purim Carnival !!!

Beit Sefer Plans Purim Bus Trip to Sharon, MA

Sunday March 4th is Purim! Get out your Purim Costumes and Disguises!
Our Beit Sefer is planning to go once again to Temple Sinai in Sharon for their terrific Purim Carnival.

11 am The School Bus will leave from the BJCC . It is free.

All our teachers and students will be at the Big Fun and Games Carnival for 2 hrs.

3 pm The Bus will return to the BJCC

Preschoolers MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We need extra adults to help the supervise our children at the carnival.

Bring your family and friends, Everyone is welcome.

Bring some money (\$10 or more) and a bag lunch if you prefer.

Drink boxes and Hamentaschen will be provided on the bus by our Sisterhood.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, popcorn and drinks are available for purchase at the



MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Jeremy!

Jeremy Wisoff, a CBJ Confirmation student is this year's South Shore Conservatory Concerto Competition winner.

As the winner, he has been chosen to perform with the Plymouth Philharmonic at their upcoming family concert on Sunday, March 18th at 3:00 PM!!! Jeremy will be playing Beethoven's 3rd Piano Concerto. Jeremy is an eighth grade student at Silver Lake Middle School and a piano student of Eugene Kaminsky at the South Shore Conservatory.



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.



**Contact information:
Tamar 508-224-9599**



CBJ YOUTH GROUP



P.A.R.T.Y

FRIDAY, FEB 2ND— PARTY HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL SPAGHETTI DINNER/SHABBAT SERVICE/ BUTTERFLY PROJECT

WHAT, YOU ASK, IS THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT? NFTY'S SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT FOR THIS YEAR. COMMEMORATING THE 1 MILLION CHILDREN THAT DIED IN THE HOLOCAUST. NOT ONLY CHILDREN WERE DECORATING THEIR BUTTERFLIES BUT THE ADULTS AS WELL!

WE THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION THAT SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS AND MADE THIS A MEMORABLE EVENT FOR PARTY AND A BIG THANK YOU TO RABBI SILVERMAN. ALWAYS THERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT US!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY INSTITUTE

SPRING CONCLAVETTE.....NO DOCS YET

CAPTIV - APRIL 28TH-29TH...YES IT IS AN OVERNIGHT IN HYANNIS...HOLD THAT DATE

ALL 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS.....NEW REVOLUTION PREP CLASS (FOR SAT) HAS A CLASS BEGINNING AT HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE MAY 5TH SAT. REMEMBER THAT OUR CBJ YOUTH RECEIVE A DISCOUNT (SEE ROBIN HUNTER, ADVISOR). CONTACT NOAH ASKIN REGARDING THE CLASS. CELL: 617-817-5341 EMAIL: NOAH@REVOLUTIONPREP.COM

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!

MARCH

- Sunday **March 18** at 10 am at the CBJ Community Center
THREE UNSUNG JEWISH HEROS
Maybe insufficiently sung would be a better description as, though they are not unknown, their very significant contributions to Jewish history aren't widely known. One man, two women. One lived in the 16th century, one in the 20th and the third is today a lively octagerian. Hear their stories and contribute your comments and questions. Session led by Vicki Fitzgerald

APRIL

- Sunday **April 29** at 10 am at the CBJ Community Center
OUR FAMILY TALES: AN AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION STORY SWAP
Come prepared to share some family history. When and how did your parents or grandparents, or before, come to the US? And what happened then? And how does all that affect your life today?
Bring photos or mementoes if you wish.
Session led by Vicki Fitzgerald



CBJ EVENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

HOW ABOUT A MITZVAH?

You could do a mitzvah today!

We are happy to report that our congregant Barbara Zimman, who had a car accident Dec 5, is now continuing her Recovery at home. She is wheelchair-bound, and will be for a few more months. If you would like to do a mitzvah to help her along the way to healing in body and spirit please contact Vicki Fitzgerald 781-585-3424 v.b.fitzgerald@comcast.net

THE HOSPITALITY PROGRAM

During November and December, working with the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless and in cooperation with the Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association, 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 were acknowledged personally and in the last edition of "The Tent." In this issue, it is our pleasure to acknowledge many members of CBJ, together with some who came from outside our community to help us in this effort. These individuals served as chaperones and meal-providers and in other substantial ways. We thank them and all of our members for making it possible for us to participate in this community project.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Chaperones

Barbara Baron
Barbara Carlson
Larry Carlson
Ronnie Lazarus (Three Nights)
Linda Mackey
Richard Pecorella (Two Nights)
Lloyd Rosenberg (Two Nights)
Mike Schwartz (Four Nights)
Tovia Silverman

Chaperones from among our neighbors included:

Fred Wasti, Betsy Hall, Ray Tompkins, Anita Chase, Bill Davenport, Carol Santiago, David Tassanari, and a man named Matt from the Coalition for the Homeless

Dinner Providers

Barbara Aharoni and Harry Shamir
Barbara and Joel Baron
Rosanne and Barry Dana
Sheila and Carl Finer (Two Meals)
Rona and Luke Glatthorn
David Cohen and Nancy Golden
Barbara and Sam Gorfinkle
Julienne and Jeff Isaacson
Barry and Fay Meltzer (Two Meals)
Bruce and Colette Schulman
Mary and Philip Waltuch
Terry and Marshall Wisoff

Additional Acknowledgements to:

Mike Schwartz, whose great dedication on behalf of CBJ's Social Action Committee helped us succeed in this project; Luke Glatthorn, whose Special Project brought in many material benefits for our guests (clothing and gift cards); Connie Melahoures, who continues to coordinate this entire interfaith effort for the Coalition for the Homeless.



Just a reminder that cards are sent out on behalf of the congregation for congratulations, condolences, get-well, etc. If you know about a situation in search of a card, please send Vicki the info.

Beyond the cards, if a family or individual needs help (that we can give) with a problem situation, we will try to arrange that.

Past examples: driving people to medical appointments or treatments; shopping for people post-surgery or meals for same.

CBJ HOSTS INTERFAITH OBSERVANCE OF YOM HA-SHOA/HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday evening, April 15, 7:00 p. m., at the Community Center (main entrance)

Yom Ha-Shoa is observed as an interfaith, community event. This year, perhaps more churches than ever before are planning to be represented; and of course, we hope for strong participation on the part of our CBJ membership.

Congregation Beth Jacob, once again, is honored to host this observance with the

joint-sponsorship of the Plymouth-Area Interfaith clergy Association and the Town of Plymouth's "No Place for Hate" Committee. Our program is solemn, not scary, and would be appropriate for children who know anything at all about the Holocaust. Please join us!



CBJ EVENT NEWS AND INFORMATION CONTINUED



SIMCHA BLESSINGS

The first Shabbat service of every month we will be bestowing a special blessing for your Simchas during the service. Birthdays, Anniversaries, get wells, great report cards, new job, retirement ~ whatever you wish to celebrate for that month. This is for adults and children. Be called to the Bimah with others celebrating that month and share with the congregation.



The Membership committee held a successful Membership Shabbat on Friday, January 12th. Over 30 new members, triple chai, and members of the membership committee attended a Shabbat dinner preceding services in the synagogue. A great time was had by all! Thank you to members of the committee: Cindy Teles, Alan Koplan, Jessie Bridgewater, Alyce & Arnold Gladstein, and Sandy Brooks.

Below is the listing of all recognized at the service.

Mazel Tov to the following CBJ members who were recognized

New CBJ Members

Julie & Samantha Benedetto
Carol Gilbert
Anne Litchfield

Laurie Caramello
Ronnie & Dan Hirschhorn
Colette, Bruce & Noah Schulman

Karen & Alan Shapiro
Stefanie & Jeff Zeitz

Triple Chai Members (at least 54 years)

Lucille Arons
Harriette Minsky
Milly & Ray Russo

Muriel Swartz
Morris Bloom

Rose Geller
Adeline & Harry Keller

Double Chai Members (at least 36 years)

Barbara & Joel Baron
Harriet & Arthur Goodman

Ruth Horenstein
Lois & Mel Klasky Susan & Larry Winokur

Fay & Barry Meltzer

Chai Members (at least 18 years)

Barbara Aharoni
Frimma & David Buckman
Ann & Steve Fried
Dorian & Donald Greenbaum
Paula & Joe Keller
Ronnie Lazarus
Hazel & Steve Minsky
Sandy & Jack Rosen
Pamela & Paul Sechoka
Martin Starr
Terri & Fred Wax

Brenda & Gregory Baler
Roberta Cowan
Anne Geller
Bob Gurwich
Pam & Alan Koplan
Addie & Mark Lelyveld
Nancy & Richard Pecorella
Suzanne & Richard Rubin
Francine & Jeff Shelly
Rose Stone
Jackie & Steve Winokur

Marcia & Al Baum
Sheila & Carl Finer
Sherman Geller
Rhonda & Jay John
Rosa LaRosa
Suzanne Lelyveld-Wittenberg
Michael Pevzner
Irene & Fred Sarke
Kim & Bill Sims
Cindy & Seth Teles

DOHERTS-SISTERHOODS



GET READY, GET SET, MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Sisterhood Meeting March 6 & April 10 (moved due to Passover)

Rosh Chodesh Nisan- A Sisterhood Celebration
Come join in celebrating the New Moon of the Hebrew Month of Nisan Sunday March 18th- 5 pm

Donor Luncheon Sunday April 29th (see next page for more information and registration form)



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SISTERHOOD

As new members join our congregation, I like to take the time to find out a little about them: Where they come from, what their professions are, why they chose this area to make their home, what is the level of their Jewish background and education. Sometimes the answers are surprising. And they are always interesting!

It has occurred to me that many of you really don't know much about me, so I thought I might answer the same questions for you.

I am a first generation American. I was born in 1946 in Toledo, Ohio. My parents were from Poland and Lithuania. Each had lived for several years in Palestine (father in the 1920s and mother in the 1930s) before they married each other. My mother is now 93 years young. I have two sisters and a brother who live in Ohio, Nevada and New York. We grew up in an Orthodox home filled with Jewish observance,

education, action and concern for the local and greater Jewish Community. We went to Jewish summer camps in Michigan to help strengthen our ideals, identities and characters. During those summers at camp, I was a bunk counselor, Arts and crafts aide and a songleader. I loved the camp experience.

In high school, I was active in, and became President of my BBG (B'nai Brith Girls) chapter and was a teacher's aide at the nearby conservative synagogue.

I started college at the University of Toledo, but transferred in my junior year to Boston University. I met Jim Miller, of Milton, MA at BU Hillel High Holiday services. By the end of that school year I was elected President of BU Hillel and married Jim over the summer break. In 1968 I graduated BU with a BA in Biology. I worked as a Medical Technologist for the BU Diabetes and Arthritis Research and then in the Chemistry Department at Massachusetts General Hospital. We moved to Plymouth when we bought our first home in 1970. We chose the town because the tax rates were much lower here since the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant had just gone on line. Before our house was completed on Surrey Drive, I had already started teaching Religious School at CBJ. My parents had raised us to support our local Jewish community, it was only natural to get involved! In 1972 I began my long professional association with Jordan Hospital. In fact, I now have the distinction of being the most senior Medical Technologist of the hospital laboratory.

In 1976, our son David was born. When he was 8 years old, Jim and I divorced. I remained in Plymouth as a single Mom, and an active member of CBJ. During my years with CBJ, I have served as Oneg Shabbat Chair (for 20 years!), founder of the Community Seder and "Dine and Daven," Chair of the Ritual Committee and a member of the Education Committee. This is my fifth term as Sisterhood President. I have taught the 2nd and 5th grades in Religious School, and for 9 years was the Arts and Crafts teacher. For the past 3 years, I have been the Beit Sefer Curriculum Coordinator. I was also the first Plymouth facilitator for Hadassah's Training Wheels Interfaith Family Preschool Program and have served as a facilitator for the Boston Archdiocese and Jewish Board of Education's Catholic—Jewish Dialogue of the South Shore. Somewhere in the middle of all this was the "Temple Shalom" adventure. (As me later).

I met widower Harry Arye Shamir in 1984 after I answered his unique ad in the Jewish Singles Magazine (Newton). He has two sons. We were married in April 1998. Harry is a mechanical engineer who graduated from the Technion in Haifa, Israel. He has an MS in Engineering Management from Northeastern University. Harry founded the Plymouth Fencing Club in 1996. He now swerves on the CBJ Executive Board as Security Chair and Building Committee Chair. My son, David Miller, married his Plymouth North High school and CBJ P.A.R.T.Y. sweetheart, Karen Starr Pecorella in May 2006. They live in Waltham and are both accountants.

I believe that someone, who is reading this to the very end will find the time to be the next President of CBJ Sisterhood As I always say, G-d provides.

Sincerely,
Barbara Aharoni Shamir
President CBJ Sisterhood—Once More

BETH JACOB SISTERHOOD DONOR LUNCHEON 2007

Sunday, April 29, 2007 AT 1:00 p.m. Stoneforge Restaurant
Route 3A, Plymouth (Formerly Bert's Restaurant on Plymouth Beach)

EVERYONE (non-members, males, etc.) is invited to attend Sisterhood's 64th Annual Donor "Dinner." This year we are trying something new – **a luncheon!** Always an enjoyable event of elegant dining, and relaxed socializing, this is Sisterhood's major fund-raiser. Sisterhood supports the Beth Jacob Community throughout the year in numerous ways (Holiday Celebrations, Passover Seder, B'Nai Mitzvah gifts, kitchen supplies, and much more).

Please support Sisterhood by participating in the Donor Luncheon.

1:00 p.m. Cash Bar 1:45 p.m. Lunch and Raffle

Some of the raffle items from last year included Gift Certificates to Paisano's, Hunan Kingston and Sheila Finer's Mandel bread!!

Your check is your reservation and cannot be refunded; however, if after you have made a reservation you find that you are unable to attend the festivities, please call Sherri Shore (508-224-9377) to cancel. Although your check will not be refunded, we may be able to avoid paying for an uneaten dinner.

2007 Donor Dinner Reservation Form

Please fill out this form and submit it with your check **by April 1st and receive \$5.00 off.** All reservations must be made by April 13th. Patron, Sponsor and Donor donations include the cost of the dinner. Please feel free to make extra contributions if possible. Supporters who are unable to join us for lunch are encouraged to donate as a Patron, Sponsor, Donor or as a Friend (which is for any amount).

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Dinner order (choose one):

Chicken Scampi London Broil Salmon Filet

Please contribute towards the Donor Dinner Booklet that is prepared for this event listing names of all Patrons, Sponsors, Donors and Friends, with a special section listing the Jewels of our community: our children and grandchildren.

Children/Grandchildren Names (Each listing is \$1.00): _____ No. of Names X \$1.00 = \$ _____

Name Relationship

Donation Level: PATRON @ \$60 SPONSOR @ \$50 DONOR @ \$40 = \$ _____

Early bird reservation –your check must be to Cindy's by April 1st = \$ _____

I cannot be with you but would like to donate to this event: = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: = \$ _____

Payable to: CBJ Sisterhood

Mail to: Cindy Teles, 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360

____ Please check here if you need a ride – we will coordinate for you to be picked up from your home. 10

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

BY SHEILA FINER

Is Your Glass Half Full or Half Empty? By Sheila Finer, President CBJ



It's difficult nowadays to read a newspaper or watch TV without violence being the number one story. Think of the effect this has on your children and grandchildren. Gone are the days when we could all play outside unsupervised and feel safe in school. Remember when flying to a different city was an adventure and not a challenge?

Let's take a few minutes of every day and reflect on the good things happening around us. Let's share these with our children and grandchildren and give them hope and a feeling of safety. Young children today need role models and what better ones than their parents and other members of their families.

Come as a family to Shabbat services and pray for those who protect us and love us. Give thanks for all the good things in this world that are worth cherishing. Put the bad things into perspective. Set a tone for your children to follow. Be proud of yourself and your family and friends for the future is what we're all going to make it. You have a choice and you have the power. See you next Friday evening!

ANYONE FOR HAVURAH??

WANTED!

"CBJ Want List"

- 30 cup coffee urn for the synagogue
- new dishtowels for both building
- standing magazine rack for community center

Contact Sheila Finer (508) 224-6461 or cbjpresident@yahoo.com if any items need to be picked up.

On Sunday, February 11th Rabbi Silverman and I held an introductory discussion for those who may be interested in becoming a member of a Havurah. Havurah stands for a gathering of friends who will decide what their reason for gathering will be. Perhaps discussions on Jewish traditions, holidays, Israeli politics... the possibilities are endless.. Many attending seemed interested and if you want to learn more, please either send me back the sign-up form below or call me at 508-224-6461. We will gather at the community center on Sunday, **March 11th** from 10-11:30 (during Beit Sefer) for coffee, snacks and some conversation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

- I am interested in becoming a member of a Havurah _____
- Best time for me is _____ (days, evenings)
- I would like to offer my home for a meeting _____
- Types of topics I would be interested in _____

Please send to:

Sheila Finer 33 Haven Road, Plymouth MA 02360



PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

IN THE WORKS:

- Bruce Shulman is in the process of developing a questionnaire to go to all committee "heads". This questionnaire is being developed to create a mechanism by which there's a better line of communication between Publicity and the other committees.
- We are in the process of working with the Social Action Committee to help develop a format for "LOCKS OF LOVE". Perhaps "BAGELS AND LOCKS"?
- "A TASTE OF JUDAISM" program is being put in the hands of the Adult Ed Committee. The hope is that when all the forms are filled out, we could have this program up and running by next October.
- The reaction to Lawrence and his "Library Readings" has been fantastic. Lawrence and CBJ have received wonderful publicity in the local newspapers. A number of libraries have asked that they have "another round" of Readings. These readings are now being continued through March.
- The Publicity Committee has worked on a promotion, to be used as a handout by Carl Finer and Alan Koplan, to elicit more business card ads in the TENT. We're confident that through this effort we should have a page (or two) of ads to help offset any cost of running the TENT.



RITUAL COMMITTEE



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PURIM



**BEIT SEFER PURIM
CARNIVAL TRIP!
FOR MORE INFORMATION
SEE BEIT SEFER PAGE 5**

PURIM COLORING PROJECT

Handmade Graggers

Materials Needed

- Juice cans (cleaned and dried)
- adhesive backed paper (Contact paper works well)
- Stickers or colored tape
- Jingle bells
- Scissors
- Glitter
- White glue
- Pipe cleaners



Prepare the juice can by making sure the can is washed and dried. To make the end caps for the can, trace the circular end on the adhesive paper. Draw another circle 1" larger than the outline circle. Cut out the circles. With the scissors make cuts spaced 1" apart around the circle, from the outer edge in. Make two, one for each end of the can. Peel off the backing of the adhesive paper. Cover one end of the juice can. Place 1 or 2 jingle bells inside. Now ask an adult to poke a hole in the center of the metal or plastic end of the can. Bend a pipe cleaner in half and insert the two ends into the hole. On the inside of the can, twist the two ends to prevent them from slipping back through the can. The wire loop on the outside of the can will be your handle. Attach the other paper circle over the open end of the can, sealing the jingle bells inside. Cut a strip of adhesive paper which is the width of the can and is long enough to wrap around the can with 1" of overlap. Remove the paper backing and wrap around the can, covering the entire outside of the juice can.

Now let's decorate it! You can use colored tape to make stripes or decorative shapes and symbols. Personalize you gragger with some of your favorite stickers. Draw decorative lines with white glue and sprinkle them with glitter. Shake off the excess. And make some noise!!

HAPPY PURIM!





PASSOVER

SEDER AT CBJ! BE THERE WITH YOUR CBJ FAMILY!

Spring is just around the corner. Hold on to your Yalmulkeh. Just as you'll be putting away the flannel sheets, snow shovel and mittens, it'll be time to get rid of your Chametz too. Oh boy, Passover sure will be early this year!!! It begins on Monday night, April 2nd. Mark your calendars and send in your

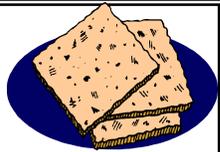
registration form for the CBJ Seder. (see page 16)

Our Annual Second Night of Passover Community Seder is scheduled for **Tuesday April 3rd**. 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. **No one** is turned away due to financial hardship. Private arrangements can be made through contacting Alan Koplan (Dues Abatement Committee). Beth Hadfield and Mary Waltuch are our Seder Co-Chairs this year.

Your check is your reservation.
We are looking forward to seeing you there!



MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER



What Makes Passover Different?

When our youngest children ask Mah Nishtanah?" ("Why is this night different?"), let us remember our Passover invitation, "Let all who are hungry come and eat!" In honor of the Jewish Festival of Freedom, it is customary to set aside a portion of what we have for the benefit of those who have less than we have ourselves. MAZON, A Jewish Response to Hunger, has established a distinguished record of performance in the name of the Jewish community, providing food and the means for distributing food to agencies in North America and around the world. Please support MAZON with your Passover contribution. Gifts in any amount are welcome and will be acknowledged in the next "The Tent."

Checks, payable to MAZON, should be sent to
Rabbi Silverman P. O. Box 3284,
Plymouth 02361

PASSOVER QUIZ Answers pg. 16

- Passover is celebrated in remembrance of what?**
 - The Days of Awe when one contemplates the goodness of God
 - The plague of locusts that passed over the Jews and destroyed the Egyptians
 - The celebration of Chag he-Aviv, the Festival of Spring
 - The Exodus of the enslaved Jews from Egypt
- What is Passover called in Hebrew?**
 - Purim
 - Chametz
 - Pesach
 - Sukkot
- The term Passover specifically refers to what?**
 - The passing over of the Jews from enslavement to freedom after the Exodus from Egypt
 - The passing from human sacrifice to animal sacrifice (the sacrificial lamb)
 - The passing over leavened bread or unleavened bread (matzah)
 - The passing over the first born males when the plague of death struck Egypt
- During the Passover Seder, a cup of wine is poured as an offering for....**
 - The poor, hungry, and needy
 - The eldest male child at the seder
 - The prophet Elijah
 - The Pharaoh
- During the Passover Seder, bitter herbs are consumed. Why?**
 - They remind us to avoid bitterness to others
 - They symbolize the bitterness of slavery
 - They represent the meager diet under the Pharaoh
 - They teach us to value sweetness

PASSOVER SEDER REGISTRATION

PASSOVER SEDER 5767/2007

The Beth Jacob Community Seder will be held on **April 3, 2007 at 6pm**, the second evening of Passover. The reservation form is below. Mail it NOW because **March 16, 2007** is the absolute deadline for reservations.

Attendance is limited to the first 175 reservations received.

Our Community Seder is a wonderful event — *created and produced by us!* We do the planning, shopping, set-up, cooking, etc. Plans are in progress and coordinated this year by Beth Hadfield (508-224-0188) and Mary Waltuch (508-747-4116). We need people to help prepare the Seder - Call Beth **and volunteer your help!**

The prices for our Passover Seder have been kept very low to allow everyone to attend. Contributions will be gratefully accepted from anyone wishing to donate items to help defray our Seder expenses, or to make the Seder more beautiful. We need items such as: fresh flowers, fresh fruit, kosher for Passover candy, candles, etc. (These items can be also be purchased for you with your cash donation.)

PLEASE RETURN THE RESERVATION FORM BELOW WITH YOUR CHECK.

Your check is your reservation

In fairness to our Passover committee, please respect the MARCH 16TH deadline!

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Children 3-6 x \$11.00 (or \$6 early bird) = # Children _____ x \$11 (\$6) = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

FINAL DEADLINE IS MARCH 16TH ~ NO EXCEPTIONS!

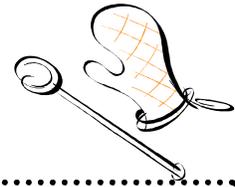
Family Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Please save me a table for # _____ (8 or more)

Names at this table:



IN THE KITCHEN



PASSOVER JELLY ROLL CINDY TELES

- 4 EGGS, SEPARATED
- 2/3 CUP POTATO STARCH
- DASH SALT
- ADDITIONAL SUGAR

- 1 TSP. LEMON JUICE
- 1 CUP SUGAR
- JAM (STRAWBERRY, RASPBERRY, ETC)

1. BEAT EGG WHITES UNTIL STIFF. SET ASIDE.
2. BEAT YOLKS UNTIL CREAMY AND GRADUALLY BEAT IN SUGAR.
3. SLOWLY BEAT IN POTATO STARCH. ADD LEMON JUICE; BEAT WELL.
4. FOLD IN THE EGG WHITES.
5. LINE A GREASED 11x15x1 PAN WITH WAX PAPER. POUR BATTER IN PAN AND BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 15- 20 MINUTES.
6. MEANWHILE, WET A LINEN OR COTTON DISH TOWEL (NOT TERRY CLOTH) AND WRING IT OUT. LAY IT OUT ON COUNTER AND SPRINKLE WITH SUGAR.
7. TURN THE BAKED JELLY ROLL OUT ONTO THE TOWEL. PEEL OFF THE WAX PAPER, AND ROLL UP (THE LONG WAY) IN THE TOWEL. LET STAND A MINUTE OR TWO.
8. UNROLL, SPREAD WITH JAM, AND RE-ROLL WITHOUT THE TOWEL. SPRINKLE WITH MORE SUGAR IF YOU LIKE, AND LET COOL.



LIGHTENED UP PASSOVER COCONUT PECAN BARS Stefanie Zeitz

Crust:

- 1 cup matzo cake meal
- 1/2 cup matzo meal
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup toasted pecans, ground
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 large egg white
- Nonstick cooking spray

FILLING:

- 1 1/3 cups packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar free maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extra
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 5 large egg whites
- 1 large egg
- 1/3 cup flaked sweetened coconut
- 2 tablespoons pecans, finely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

To prepare the crust, combine matzo cake meal, matzo meal, brown sugar, pecans, cinnamon and salt together in a large bowl. Stir with a whisk to combine; cut in the 6 tablespoons butter with a pastry blender or with your hands until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Do not do this in a food processor or it will be too fine and the butter will warm. Add 1 egg white, stirring just until moist; press into the bottom of a 13x9 inch baking pan that has been coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until edges begin to brown; cool 15 minutes.

To prepare the filling, combine brown sugar and the next 7 ingredients (through egg) in a medium bowl, stirring well with whisk. Stir in coconut and pecans. Pour over the prepared crust. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until set. Cool to room temperature. Cover and chill at least 1 hour. Cut into bars.

Serves 48

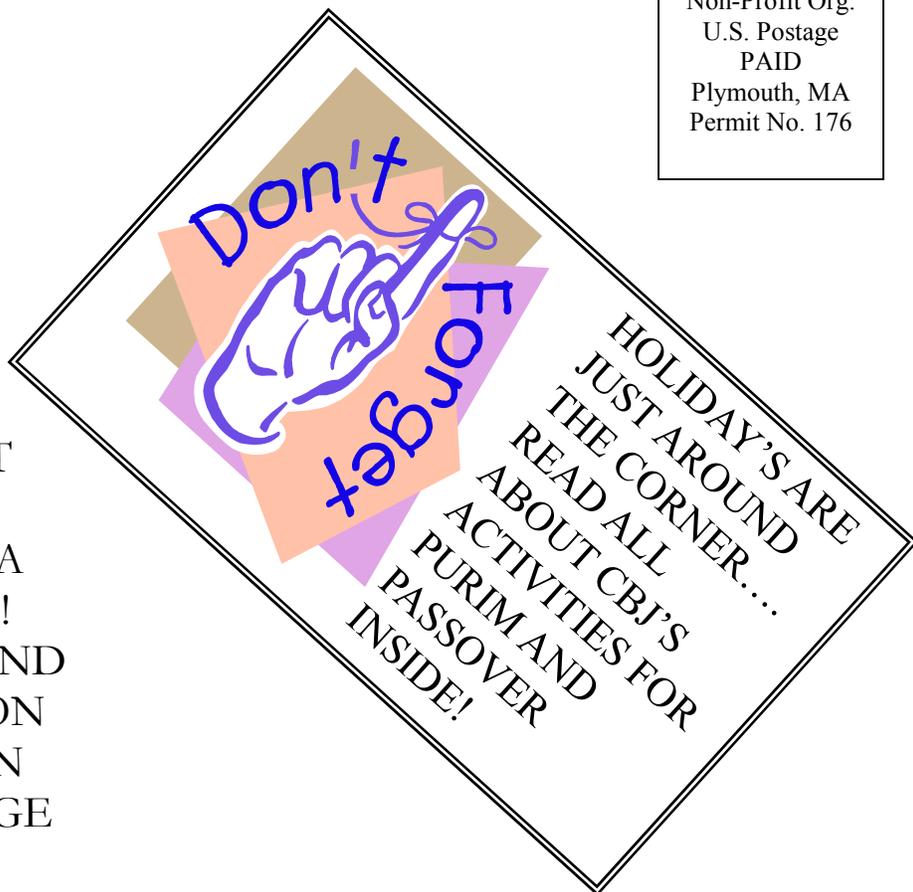
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11th of Adar	2 12th of Adar 7:30 pm Shabbat—Synagogue Simcha Blessings	3 13th of Adar 10 am Shabbat Service—Syn Luke Glatthorn Bar Mitzvah
4 14th of Adar PURIM Confirmation Class—Purim Celebration	5 15th of Adar 8:30 am Limud Torah—syn	6 16th of Adar 7 pm syn—Sisterhood	7 17th of Adar	8 18th of Adar	9 19th of Adar 6:30 pm Shabbat Meditation 7:30 pm Shabbat—Synagogue	10 20th of Adar
11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 21st of Adar 10 am Havurah (CC) Confirmation Class	12 22nd of Adar	13 23rd of Adar	14 24th of Adar	15 25th of Adar	16 26th of Adar 7:30 pm Shabbat—Synagogue	17 27th of Adar
18 28th of Adar 10 am CC Adult Education	19 29th of Adar 8:30 am Limud Torah—syn	20 1st of Nisan Rosh Chodesh Nisan	21 2nd of Nisan	22 3rd of Nisan	23 4th of Nisan 7:30 pm Shabbat—Synagogue	24 5th of Nisan
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 2007						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13th of Nisan Confirmation Class	14th of Nisan NO HEBREW SCHOOL	15th of Nisan PESACH 1ST NIGHT 6 pm CBJ Seder NO HEBREW SCHOOL	16th of Nisan PESACH 2ND NIGHT	17th of Nisan	18th of Nisan 7:30 pm Shabbat— Synagogue	19th of Nisan
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
20th of Nisan	22st of Nisan NO HEBREW SCHOOL	22nd of Nisan 7 pm syn Sisterhood	23rd of Nisan	24th of Nisan	25th of Nisan 7:30 pm Shabbat— Synagogue	26th of Nisan
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
27th of Nisan 7 pm—CC Evening Yom Ha-Shoa observance	28th of Nisan Confirmation Trip to Montreal NO HEBREW SCHOOL	29th of Nisan Confirmation Trip to Montreal NO HEBREW SCHOOL	30th of Nisan Confirmation Trip to Montreal	1st of Iyyar NO HEBREW SCHOOL	2nd of Iyyar 7:30 pm Shabbat— Synagogue	3rd of Iyyar
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30					
11th of Iyyar 10 am Adult Ed CC	12th of Iyyar 8:30 am Limud Torah—syn					
1 pm Sisterhood Donor Luncheon						



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DON'T FORGET TO
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Next Newsletter Deadline: April 10, 2007
The next newsletter will encompass May and June 2007. If you would like to contribute, please send your items to Stefanie Zeitz.