THE NEWSLETTER OF

THE TENT

CONGREGATION BETH JACOB

מה-טבו אהליך, יעקב, משכנתיך, ישראל!

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

September/October 2008 L'SHANA TOVA Elul/Tishrei/Cheshvan 5768

THANK YOU

It has been with great pleasure that I have been given the privilege of being your Tent newsletter editor for the past 2 years. I cannot tell you the enjoyment it has brought to me and the closeness I have felt with the CBJ community by participating in a such an important task. However, as with all volunteer engagements, there must be a bow out period, and this unfortunately is mine. I feel that it would be unfair to the CBJ community to not be able to give 100% to this fabulous newsletter and would rather welcome the opportunity again in the future. I sincerely appreciate all of the kind words, encouragement, submissions and acknowledgements and I keep my fingers crossed that someone will jump at the chance to participate in the CBJ community by being the next editor of the Tent.
With the best of wishes and L'Shana Tova!

Stefanie Zeitz
Retiring Editor

2008 HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Rosh Hashana

First Day: Monday, September 29, 7:30 P. M. (CC)
Tuesday, September 30, 10:00 A. M. (CC)
***Special Children's Service Begins at about 11:00 A. M., after the children return from the Torah procession in the main service
Tashlich at Town Brook follows Tuesday morning's service
Second Day: Tuesday, September 30, 7:30 P. M. (SYN)
Wednesday, October 1, 10 A.M. (SYN)

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre—Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 P. M. (SYN)
Thursday, October 9, 10:00 A. M.—including Yizkor (CC)
*** Child-care available (age 5 and under)

Children's Service (the only Yom Kippur service @ Synagogue) The Children's Service, led by Rabbi Silverman, will begin at 3:00 p. m., at the Synagogue
Then, returning to the Community Center:
Torah Study.....4:00 P. M.
Afternoon Service.....5:00 P. M.
Ne'ilah (Conclusion).....6:00 P. M.
Following the Ne'ilah Service, the Congregation is invited to a Break-fast in Weishaupt Hall.

Memorial Service at Beth Jacob Cemetery Sunday Morning after Rosh ha-Shanah, October 5, 9:15 A. M.
Shabbat Shuvah Service at the Synagogue Friday evening, October 3, 7:30 P. M.

For further information regarding High Holiday observances and attendance by non-members, please call 508-224-6461. With best wishes for a good and fruitful New Year! Please join us at Congregation Beth Jacob!

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INTERESTED IN BEING THE NEXT EDITOR FOR THE THE TENT? CONTACT SHEILA FINER AT CBJPRESIDENT@YAHOO.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Have you changed your telephone number or email address? Please send an email to cbjpresident@yahoo.com to update your information in the new CBJ directory

YAHRZEIT

September

Esther Russo	2
Hymen W. Bell	4
Robert Bailen	5
Morris Teles	8
Philip Liss	13
Victor Blass	14
Jack Pearce	18
Ludwig & Clare Jonas	23
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Jack Bello	3
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Ada Lutsky	5
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Bessie Keller	8
Harry Mankoff	
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Max Toabe	13
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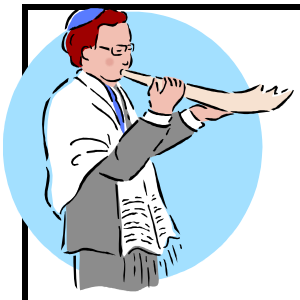
RABBI'S REPORT



In anticipation of Rosh ha-Shanah, Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav (18th-19th Century) used to say:

"To me, the main holiday is Rosh ha-Shanah. As soon as Rosh ha-Shanah is over, I listen to hear if there is knocking at the doors, and if the people are rousing themselves to turn to prayers of repentance for the New Year. For in no time at all, the whole year passes by in the twinkling of an eye!" And now, this special season is coming to meet us again. With this New Year, we also stand at the beginning of the hundredth year since the founding of our Congregation. Meredith joins me in wishing our wonderful Beth Jacob community a happy, healthy, productive New Year, a New Year of joy in abundant measure, a New Year of Peace.

May we go from strength to strength!

DONATIONS

Donations in Memory of Leo Abramson:
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gladstein

Dr. and Mrs. Barry Meltzer

Donation to "Ray and Milly Russo Jewish Culture Heritage and Arts Fund" In Honor of Ray and Milly Russo

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Russo of Kingston

Donation to the ELUL Cantorial Music Program Fund

The Hunter Family of Duxbury

Sherri and Ed Sore

Dr. and Mrs. Barry Meltzer

Pamela Sechoka of Carver

Carol Gilbert

Risa Rountree

RABBI'S MITZVAH FUND

Anonymous

In Memory of LEO ABRAMSON, Father of our friend Sheila Finer
By Muriel Swartz
By Rosanne and Barry Dana

In Memory of JACK SWARTZ
By Muriel Swartz

In Memory of ALICE HARRIS
By Muriel Swartz

In Gratitude to Rabbi Silverman and Meredith for spending an evening at our home, meeting our neighbors and answering their questions about Judaism
By Arnold and Alyce Gladstein

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

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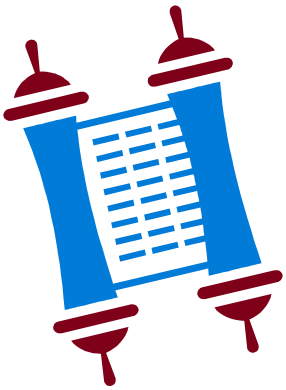

LIMUD TORAH/ TORAH STUDY GROUP

Reconvenes Monday, September 8

There is a Limud Torah (Torah Study) on most Monday mornings, from 8:30-10:00, at the Synagogue. Led by Rabbi Silverman, the group reads and discusses the Torah and other relevant texts. Hebrew skills are helpful, but definitely not required. After our break during August, we plan to resume in September, continuing our study of the end of the Book of Deuteronomy. In September, we also plan to decide on the subject(s) of our study for the coming year. All are welcome! You don't have to commit to attend every week. Come, and learn!

Dates for Limud Torah in September/ October (regularly on Monday, 8:30 to 10:00 a. m.,at the Synagogue):

September 8, 15, 22

October 6, 20, 27

Also Yom Kippur afternoon, Thursday, Oct. 9, 4:00, at the CC

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

The Torah teaches us to leave the corners of our fields and the gleanings of our harvest for the poor and the stranger. Through MAZON's High Holiday campaign, "The Corners of Our Fields," we give new life to the ancient Jewish value of feeding the hungry. The reference to "the corners of our fields" goes back to the ancient practice, commanded in the Torah, of leaving the corners as the rightful portion of those who did not have fields of their own. Congregation Beth Jacob, joining hundreds of synagogue across North America, is honored to be part of this life-saving effort. Please join us this year. Gifts in any amount are welcome.

Please send your check, payable To:

MAZON, attention of Rabbi Silverman,
P. O. Box 3284,
Plymouth
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All gifts will be sent to MAZON after the Holidays.

ADULT EDUCATION

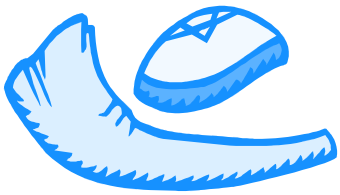
What does it mean to be Jewish?

Today many Jews in America come to synagogues to become Jewish. Perhaps they don't know how, but want to learn why and how to express their Jewish identity.
Some are married to non-Jews and not sure how to answer their partners' questions about Judaism.
When their children ask about G-d they want to know how to answer with the benefit of collective wisdom.
The fact they are Jewish draws them because they are searching for its meaning in their lives, and for the lives of their children.
What does it mean to be Jewish?

Now you are being offered an opportunity to learn, to question, to explore what basic Judaism is; a heritage waiting to be learned.
A FREE Basic Judaism course is being offered for adult members of CBJ and their extended families and friends. It will be three Saturday evenings Oct 25, Nov 8, Nov 15, with free babysitting provided, so our parents and Beit Sefer educators will be able to attend. The two hour sessions are 7-9 pm, with a short refreshment break. Based on URJ's curriculum "A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious" the course will be conducted by our own Geveret Aharoni. She recently taught this course to the Bible study class at the Second Congregational Church in Manomet.

"I was honored to take part in Barbara's class along with my husband and his church study group. I have always been comfortable with my Jewishness, but now I am extremely proud." -Susan Moore Zahreciyan

Many of our congregants have asked for this program, now is up to them to register. Registration is required. Space at the synagogue is limited. To register contact Vicky Fitzgerald Adult Ed. Chair V.B.Fitzgerald@comcast.net or call at 781-585-3424. Vicky will also be available with a sign up sheet on Sunday morning Sept 7th during Beit Sefer Registration.



PRE -- HIGH HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

What's this? A new year? Come and discover! Discuss with Rabbi Silverman on Sunday morning Sept.21st at the Community Center.
Bagel brunch at 9:15; workshop 10 to 11.
With respect to food purchasing, pre-registration would be appreciated.
Please call or email Vicki Fitzgerald: 781 585 3424; v.b.fitzgerald@comcast.net.

AdultEd Questionnaire

We want your input!! Our goal is to present programs YOU want to attend

Here is a list of suggestions for future programs, developed by the AdultEd committee. Our fall events are already scheduled and listed in this newsletter. Future programs would be planned for later in the season. The list is intended to generate thoughts but most of all we want YOUR ideas.

You can respond to Vicki Fitzgerald by email, mail, phone or in person; v.b.fitzgerald@comcast.net—220 High St., Duxbury, MA 02332—781 585 3424 (before 10 pm)

TOPICS

1. Twentieth century music -- pop, rock, folk, classical, other -- by Jewish composers.
2. Films and documentaries on Jewish topics, with discussion groups.
3. Special guest programs such as Jewish Magic, the Tibetan monks (throat singers) and basics of Islam that we have had in recent years.
4. How do we teach our children about the Holocaust? How do we educate ourselves about it?
5. Transmission of and changes in Jewish culture from one generation to the next. Family histories? The Yiddish story? etc.
6. No place for hate: anti-Semitism in the U.S. – past, present.
7. Jewish mysticism, including Kabala.
8. Jewish denominations today: extreme Orthodox, Chabad, Modern Orthodox, Reform, Reconstructionist and others.
9. The first 400 years CE: Judaism and Christianity.
10. Good kings, bad kings: Jewish kingdoms before the diaspora. History through the lens of the Book of Kings and other sources.
11. State of Israel pre=history: from the first people and the founding myths on through the centuries.
12. State of Israel: the first 60 years.
13. Middle East update: presentation and discussion with a spokesperson from the Israeli consulate, Boston.
14. Keep up with the kids (grandkids?): Hebrew School for grownups. Possibility also of contemporary (as spoken in Israel) Hebrew lessons.
15. Twentieth century Jewish writers or artists.
16. Tricentennial: 300 years of Jews in America.

TIMES

1. Would you be more likely to attend a once-a-month AdultEd program if it included a community meal -- sort of dine and learn, dine and enjoy?
2. Is the best time for you to attend a community meal? Sunday morning (breakfast or brunch)? Sunday evening? Weekday evenings?

We look forward to your feedback and the hopes of making the Adult Education Program even more exciting this coming year with new and interesting topics focusing on your interests.

Thank you,
Adult Education Committee

P.A.R.T.Y

Congratulations to our outstanding President
****Gabrielle Brooks!!****
Send an e-mail to PARTY

- On a regional level, the group is split between "Jr. PARTY" (grades 6-8) and "PARTY" (grades 9-12).
- While Jr. PARTY attends an annual Shul-In in Brookline, PARTY has the opportunity to attend a regional activity almost every month.
- On a local level, the two groups combine for a variety of activities.

We are members of NFTY-NE (National Federation of Temple Youth - Northeast). (click on Event Listing for dates and documents - username: nftyne; password: neat).

Upcoming Events

- Sign up for **Rock n' Bowl** Sat Sep 13th @ Alley Kat in Kingston (more details at our table on the 6th)

Join PARTY - Become a member today!

Jewish youth do not have to be a Temple member to join.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Institute
February 19-22, 2009

Post-Feb
March 14, 2009

Spring Conclavette
March 27-29, 2009

Senior Kallah
May 10, 2008

Levi Leap
October 25, 2008

Fall Conclavette
November 7-9, 2008

December Institute
December 26-30 2008

Post-December
January 10, 2009

NFTY Convention 2009
February 13-16, 2009

ROCK N' BOWL

For anyone who likes to have a good time with friends, likes to bowl and enjoy some pizza! So come join your peers along with making new ones! September 13, 2008!!

Alley Kat Lanes, Kingston Mass
@5:45pm for pizza first
And bowling @ 6:45 pm

September 13, 2008

Cost $15.00

Please respond by Sep.11.08 to either:

-**Robin Hunter**(advisor) @ 781-585-8937

-**Gabrielle Brooks**(President) @ 508-295-0644

The Publicity Committee has been asked to host this years' OPEN HOUSE.

OPEN HOUSE will take place at 9:30 am - 12:30 pm on September 7th, upstairs in the carpeted room of the Community Center. This will be coordinated with registration of Beit Sefer. Breakfast will be followed by "schmoozing" with members of the congregation, as well as heads of the various committees.

Education committee

The Education committee has been preparing all summer for what we know will be an exciting year for Beit Sefer.

Registration materials will be mailed to parents so that the registration process can be accomplished expeditiously.

Registration will take place on Sunday, September 7th. A continental breakfast will be available at 9:30 am upstairs in the carpeted room of the community center. At 10:00 there will be a MANDATORY meeting for all parents. At approximately 10:15 registration will begin down-stairs.

Beit Sefer's first class will begin on Sunday, September 14th at 9:45 am. It will be a particularly exciting unit because we are beginning the school year by studying the four matriarchs.

We welcome all former and new students and look forward to an informative, meaningful and enjoyable year.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Reflections

These past few weeks as I have been sifting through pictures and news articles of Congregation Beth Jacob through the years, I have also had time to reflect on my own years in Plymouth as a member of CBJ. Like many other couples with young children, we began searching for a temple when it was time for our daughter to begin religious school. A visit from Rabbi Silverman to our home in Hanson had us sold on CBJ in minutes. We car pooled with two other Jewish families back and forth until we decided to make the move here. It was a wise decision and the temple quickly became our second home. I became very active in Sisterhood first as hospitality chairperson and then as president. I began many friendships which I still treasure and cherish today. Whether it was schmoozing while the children were attending classes or making new friends following Shabbat services at the Oneg, we always felt a part of a bigger family. Our children were taken under the wings of local grandparents who graciously acted as surrogates since theirs lived far away.

Oh, the progressive dinners, Las Vegas nights, art auctions, Tombolas, mystery rides, pound auctions, game nights, seders, breakfasts, Purim carnivals, Chanukah parties, Bingo..... I could go on and on.... we all share these together and remember them fondly. Today we still reminisce and laugh about them.

We were and we still are a family. We shared the simchas ~ births, new homes, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, graduations, weddings and grandchildren. We also shared the sad times ~ illnesses, moves far away, and unfortunately deaths. Just recently my Dad passed away and I was concerned about having enough people at my home for a minyan. I was overwhelmed at the numbers of CBJ "friends" who appeared at my door to support me and my family through this difficult time. Someone remarked to me "to have good friends, you have to be a good friend." I am blessed by many. I recently returned from Florida after visiting my step-mother and the out pouring of love for my Dad from his community was heart warming. I am proud to be able to say I was his daughter. Now, I hope to leave that legacy to my children. As I poured through my Dad's papers and pictures, I thought of how many memories those of us as CBJ can share. I look forward to us all sharing those during the upcoming 100th anniversary.

Let's remember the good times and never forget the tough ones because they all make us what we are today.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year ~ one which we'll celebrate in grand style.

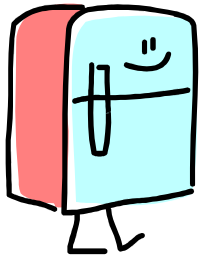
Sheila Finer
President

CBJ Event News and Education

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.

We desperately need a volunteer for the CBJ library during Beit Sefer sessions. Otherwise our children will not have use of our library books. Contact Beth Hadfield Education Coordinator.



We need a regular kitchen volunteer to check inventory and keep things tidy in both buildings.

Contact Barb Aharoni.

We need a volunteer to reorganize the Arts and Crafts closet in the rear of Weishaupt Hall. Come in during Beit Sefer hours on Sundays 9:45 am –Noon beginning Sept 7 and see what needs to be done.

What is the most important Jewish Holiday? Did you say Passover? Chanukah? Yom Kippur? Nope! Think again. If you said Shabbat, you are correct! No other holiday is mentioned in the Ten Commandments. It is the fourth commandment. "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy." How special is that? Shabbat is one of Judaism's great survival techniques. As much as we have kept the Shabbat, it has kept us! And how lucky are we? It comes once a week! So, that is 52 opportunities to celebrate Shabbat every year. CBJ asks each family unit to help our congregation celebrate Shabbat at least once a year by sponsoring one Oneg Shabbat. What is an Oneg Shabbat? It is the Joy of the Sabbath. A time to gather for noshing and socializing after Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday evenings. You are asked to provide the refreshments, to set up before and clean up agertwards. And everyone appreciates you for doing it! We have 120 family units. There are 52 Fridays. It is not rocket science to figure this should be easy to cover every Friday on the calendar. There is nothing more disappointing than coming down to the vestry after services and seeing an empty table! And we have a Simcha Shabbat at the beginning of each month. Have a celebration you want to share? A birthday? A Naming? Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Anniversary? New Baby? Here is your opportunity! So pick a Friday and contact Barbara Aharoni, our Oneg Shabbat chairperson at 508-747-0805 or ahaba@juno.com. Don't know Barbara? She'll be the woman coming around with a calendar at all CBJ events to get you signed up.

FUNDRAISING

GREAT LAKES SCRIP

Check out the website www.glscrip.com and print out a worksheet of all the retailers who are part of this fantastic program!

Call Carl at 508-224-6461 or email him at carlfiner@comcast.net to place an order.

Reminder that the freight charge of $7.50 is equally divided by the number of subscribers

HELP MEET THE CBJ OPERATING COSTS AND NOT IMPACT YOUR BUDGET!

Supermarket cards (Stop & Shop and Shaw's are available in $50.00 denominations and CBJ earns 5% commission. The Stop & Shop card can be used to purchase gasoline.

Exxon/Mobil has made a $250 card available at 2% commission

Sunoco has made available a $250 card at 2.5% commission

Other retailers offering commissions:

CVS	6%	Best Buy	2%	Circuit City	3%
Fashion Bug	6%	Kohl's	4%	Macy's	10%
Old Navy	9%	Walgreens	6%	Office Depot	4%
Ritz Camera	6%	Staples	5%	Sears	4%
Walmart/Sam's Club	2%	JCPenny	5% (6% thru 9/30)		

These following stores are at Colony Place and or Independence Mall:

Bath & Body Works	13%	Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	Dick's Sporting Goods	5%
Gymboree	13%	J. Jill	8%	Lane Bryant/Cacique	6%
Michael's	4%	Motherhood Maternity	6%	Talbot's	11%
The Children's Place	12%	Ulta	4%		

RITUAL COMMITTEE

HIGH HOLY DAY ALIYOT

If you wish to be called to the Torah for an Aliyah for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, please contact Seth Teles by phone at (508) 746-5607 or by email at scteles@aol.com.

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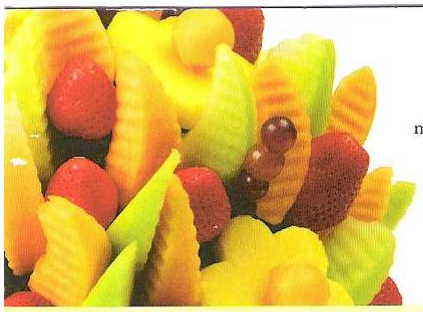

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