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The Newsletter of Congregation Beth Jacob

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

MAY / JUNE 2013

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Congregants,

Much has happened since last I wrote you. We continue to renovate the Synagogue and have even re-opened the balcony. First let me assure you that, contrary to a years-old myth, we've found no evidence of a golem! Unfortunately, it would be highly cost ineffective to remodel the balcony for public seating. However, we have turned it into a very functional and much needed storage area. As to upcoming dates, please mark your calendars for two very important ones: our annual meeting to be held on Sunday, June 30th, and a very special event the week before on June 23rd - also a Sunday. This special celebration on the 23rd will mark the 100th Anniversary of our beloved Synagogue building on Pleasant St. Much more information will be mailed to you soon but please be sure to save the date.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy summer,

Fred Sarke
President, CBJ

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

As this article is being written we are approaching the end of our Beit Sefer year. This has certainly been a year of change, which is something I am most uncomfortable with. It seems like a long time ago as we started the year in the Community Center before relocating to the Synagogue. Our Beit Sefer staff changed so that we ended up with all new faces. Through all of this, the children adjusted beautifully, without so much as "a hiccup!"

The success of this year is due to the efforts of many people. First, I must thank my staff; Melissa Goldbach, Ann Maddeford, Barbara Aharoni, and Pam Sechoka. Their interaction with the children each week was joy to watch. We also had many Confirmation students volunteer and help in our classrooms. It was lovely seeing the older children interact with the younger ones. Thanks to Jeff Isaacson and his PTO for their support and organization of special activities like our Purim Carnival and Family Fun Day. Thank you to Rabbi Lawrence for his guidance and willingness to answer just about any question the children threw at him. Elayne Kalaminsky's help with curriculum and relocating during the move was priceless.

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HOLIDAYS

5773

May 15, Shavuot

July 16, Tishah B'Av

5774

Sept 5, Rosh Hashanah

Sept 14, Yom Kippur

Sept 19-26, Sukkot

Sept 26, Simchat Torah

Tues., July 16, Tishah B'Av

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



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Of course, this program wouldn't work without the parents of our students. Thank you for getting your children up early each Sunday, when surely they'd rather stay in bed. Your involvement is crucial! Remember that it is ultimately you parents that are responsible for providing your children with their religious and spiritual identity. We are simply assisting you with that task. For that reason, your involvement in our education programs is most important in order to provide the strong Jewish foundation that your children require and deserve. Please consider becoming actively involved in our Beit Sefer program through teaching, substituting, and volunteering. We need you, but more importantly, the children of CBJ need you!

It has been a valuable year serving as your Beit Sefer principal. I've enjoyed getting to know many of you and working with your children. Have a wonderful summer and see you in the fall!

Fondly,

Laura Finkel

BEIT SEFER NEWS

Israeli Cafe - Our students wore blue and white clothing as they "traveled" to Israel and had the opportunity to explore Israeli culture, crafts, and traditions. In Jerusalem students participated in an "archaeological dig" finding coins, jewelry and other treasures. They also emailed a personal message on aish.com which will be printed and placed in the Western Wall on their behalf. In Tsfat, they became crafters and created their own souvenir beaded bracelet. When the students traveled to the Dead Sea they experimented with salt water. Finally, they all had chance to get a true taste of Israel as they built a falafel sandwich as they would on the streets of Tel Aviv.

Family Fun Day - Special thanks to the PTO for planning an exciting day on Sunday, May 5th at the Black Feather Horse Rescue in Plymouth. A truly special day is planned complete with a picnic lunch and games to play.

Tzedakah Donation- This year our Beit Sefer students raised \$19.47 through their weekly Tzedakah donations. They have decided to donate this money to the Black Feather Horse Rescue, the location of our Family Fun Day.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

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

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

CONGREGATION BETH JACOB EXECUTIVE BOARD

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We're now in our hundredth, how fast the time flew.
In order to celebrate, we really need you!
SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2013 AT 10:30AM IN THE SYNAGOGUE

IN THIS, OUR BUILDING'S HUNDREDDH YEAR, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US AS RABBI LAWRENCE SILVERMAN REDEDICATES OUR BELOVED BUILDING AND OUR REDESIGNED TREE OF LIFE.

OUR OWN KARIN GOLDSTEIN WILL ENLIGHTEN US WITH A TALK AND SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF JEWISH PLYMOUTH BASED ON HER RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK.

A LIGHT LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW IN THE VESTRY.

PLEASE RSVP TO PAULA KELLER

ACCEPTANCES ONLY

508-746-9060 OR PMAKELLER@AOL.COM

PLEASE STATE FAMILY NAME AND NUMBER ATTENDING.



Hello,

My name is Samantha Benedetto. I am going to make my Bat Mitzvah this summer. I am working on a couple of "Mitzvah Projects." One of the projects I have decided on is to help the victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy. I have designed pens & silicone wrist bands and will be selling them. I will donate 100% of the proceeds to the victims to help them. If you are interested in purchasing, please let me know. 508-866-0011 or JLBenedetto17@yahoo.com

I appreciate your support!

Thank you,
Sam

Ballpoint Pens are \$3.00 each & will say "Boston Wicked Strong" & will have a Boston Red Sox "B". The background is an American Flag.

Wrist Bands are \$2.50 each & will say BOSTON STRONG embossed on them & are red, white & blue.



DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Fund

Richard & Linda Rothstein, In Memory of Isadore Rothstein
 Jaqueline Winokur, In Memory of I. Harry Keller
 Harry Shamir, In Memory of Rina Shamir
 Fred & Irene Sarke, In Memory of Sally Sarke
 Dan & Ronnie Hirschhorn, In Memory of Barbara & Jeffrey Hirschhorn
 Richard & Linda Rothstein, In Memory of Beatrice Klein
 Dr. & Mrs. Donald Gilbert, In Memory of Charlette Lippman

Resnick Family Education Fund

Bernard Resnick, In Memory of Joseph Resnick


General Fund

Martin Star
 Carl Finer
 Irving & Esther Isaacson, In Honor of Aja Isaacson's Bat Mitzvah

PLEASE NOTE:

Contributions to the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund are always welcome and, during the winter months, are especially needed. Checks should be made payable to "CBJ-Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund" and sent to the Rabbi's attention at P.O. Box 3284, Plymouth, MA 02361. Please include your dedication instructions. A note will be sent to the person (s) honored by your gift or to the family of someone in whose memory a contribution is made.

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



BROTHERHOOD NEWS

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

HELP WANTED...

- Tent Editor—contact Christine Burke.
- Beit Sefer teachers—contact Laura Finkel.
- Interested in serving on the CBJ Executive Board? Contact Christine Burke.

Give back to our beloved CBJ by applying for one of these rewarding positions!

HINENI

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Jacob announce the initiation of a new program (Hineni) to provide one-time or short-term services to congregants. To this end, a number of congregants have volunteered to provide rides, meals, and other similar assistance as needed and requested.

For examples, rides to Temple for services, programs, and meetings as well as to appointments can be arranged. Meals will also be provided on a limited basis.

All congregant requests will be maintained in the strictest of confidentiality. Any requests for assistance should be directed to the program coordinators, Steve and Suzanne Goldberg @ 508-833-8896, or Rabbi Silverman @ 508-746-1575. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed.

Yahrzeits During May/June

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

MAY

2 Miriam Polak Lelyveld
 3 Kalman Aharoni
 6 Joseph Epstein
 6 Edward Greenberg
 6 Ida Portnoy
 8 Marion Melville
 9 Jacob Erie
 10 Ada Greenberg
 12 Lawrence Geller
 13 Rae Baron
 15 Minnie E. Kaplan
 17 Walter Wise
 17 Belle Myer
 18 Solomon Bromberg
 23 Walter Kilimnik
 24 Marc Lipetz
 26 Theodore Strauss
 27 Joseph W. Swartz
 27 Lloyd Anderson
 28 Alfred Bryan
 30 Dora G. Bell
 30 Ruth Cohen
 31 Vera Marcus
 31 Hattie Resnick Waterman

JUNE

1 Jack Gurwitch
 3 Leon Bromberg
 4 Myer "Mike" Starr

5 Ruth Putnam Sherman
 6 Frances Taub
 6 William Melville
 7 Louis Koplan
 8 Faye Rothstein
 11 Cecile Greenberg
 12 Mary Minsky
 12 Milton Moore
 13 David Starr
 15 Herbert Silverman
 16 Jack Greenberg
 16 Alice Harris
 16 Jack C. Swartz
 16 Jack Weiss
 17* Edith Lipetz
 19 Florence Efron
 20 Kurt Weishaupt
 23 Edward R. Bloom
 25 Esther Aranowitz
 25 John Martini
 27 Harry Minsky
 27 Jack Minsky



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

Notes on Yahrzeit observance:

Some customs associated with Yahrzeit observance are: lighting a memorial candle at home in the evening at the beginning of the Yahrzeit period; saying Kaddish during a Shabbat service close to the Yahrzeit; donating to a charity or one of CBJ's special funds in memory of the one whose Yahrzeit is being observed.

Members, Guests and Friends of CBJ:

I am happy to remind you of a program that we offer at Congregation Beth Jacob to inform fellow Jews: both members and their families and friends of CBJ, of the annual yahrzeit dates of their loved ones. Once you have supplied the names and dates (either Hebrew or English) of those whom you wish to remember, you will receive notification approximately three weeks in advance of the yahrzeit date. There is no charge for this service. We feel that it's important to supply this service to all interested Jews.

I realize that our members have furnished this information when they joined CBJ. We ask those of you who have not done so to supply this information again so we can be sure our records are up-to-date and accurate. This program is separate from your listings in our annual Yizkor Book of Remembrance.

Please send this information to:

Congregation Beth Jacob
 Attn: Arnold Gladstein
 P O Box 3284
 Plymouth, MA 02361

HOW TO REACH US AT CBJ

508-746-1575

(Messages can be left here)

Rabbi Silverman can be reached at 508-746-0010 during Calling Hours and in Case of Emergency (Confidential messages can be left at this number).

Exception: When one knows that Rabbi Silverman is at the Synagogue, for example, for Hebrew School or Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons, then it makes sense to try the Synagogue number first.

RABBI SILVERMAN'S CALLING HOURS:

Rabbi Silverman observes Calling Hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am - noon. In case of emergency, messages may always be left at 508-746-0010.

MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Simcha Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Tonijo & Harriet Weiner	4 Brotherhood Movie Night 7pm
5 Beit Sefer Closing Ceremonies and Family Fun Day 10:15am	6	7	8 Brotherhood Meeting 7pm	9	10 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Carol Gilbert & Robin Kirby	11 Shabbat Service 10am Melissa Kirby Bat Mitzvah
12	13	14 Shavuot Ritual Committee Meeting 2:30pm	15	16	17 Shabbat Service and Confirmation Graduation 7:30pm Oneg: Jay & Melissa Goldbach	18
19 Sisterhood Donor Luncheon 12pm Carmela's Restaurant	20	21	22	23	24 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Steve and Suzanne Goldberg	25
26	27	28 Executive Board Meeting 7pm	29	30	31 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Benedetto Family	

JUNE 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shabbat Service 10am Samantha Benedetto Bat Mitzvah
2	3	4 Sisterhood Meeting 7pm	5	6	7 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	22 Shabbat Service 10am Madeline Scheub Bat Mitzvah
23 Synagogue Rededication Celebration 10:30am	24 Executive Board Meeting 7pm	25	26	27	28 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	29 Shabbat Service 10am Hannah Hadfield Bat Mitzvah
30 Annual Meeting and Election of Executive Board 10am						

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