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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!"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CBJ Congregants,

I was overjoyed when I learned last winter that my two oldest children were planning a trip to Israel with Birthright this past June. They were so excited to be a part of this amazing experience, and I knew that it would be a trip they would remember for a lifetime. They were lucky they went when they did. Just before they left, we heard the news of the kidnapped Israeli teens. Just as they returned home we learned of the deaths of those teens. And from that point on things have just gotten worse between Israel and Gaza in a conflict that has had repercussions around the world.

Whatever one's own personal feelings about the Israel-Gaza conflict, the fact remains that thousands upon thousands of people are living in constant fear and far too many are losing their lives to the violence. The conflict is having a severe economic impact on the citizens of Gaza and it has also spurred a rise in anti-Semitism and attacks on synagogues world-wide.

As we approach the two holiest of days in the Jewish year, we find ourselves in the month of Elul, the last month of the Jewish calendar. Traditionally a time for introspection and stocktaking, it is during Elul that we should review the past year - our accomplishments, mistakes and spiritual progress. What are we proud of and what lessons have we learned? It is also traditional to recite the prayers in Chapter 27 of the Book of Psalms. This seems even more fitting at this time of conflict in Israel. Psalm 27 begs for G-d's protection against the hatred and evil that Israel faces. "1. The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?...3. If an army were to beleaguer me, my whole heart would not fear; if war were to arise against me, in this I trust... 11. Lord, teach me Your way and lead me in the path of righteousness, because of my watchful enemies. 12. Do not give me over to the will of my oppressors, for there have risen against me false witnesses, and they speak evil. 13. [They would have crushed me] had I not believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

Let us all pray for peace between Israel and Gaza. And I wish for each of you a sweet and good year ahead.

Shalom,

Christine Burke
President, CBJ

HOLIDAYS

5774

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

SEPT 25TH ROSH HASHANA
OCT 4TH YOM KIPPUR
OCT 9TH SUKKOT
OCT 16TH SIMCHAT TORAH
DEC 17TH HANUKAH



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Dear Friends,

May we go from strength to strength, as we prepare to enter the Days of Awe. May our New Year bring us Peace and renewal of Life.

At CBJ's Annual Meeting, in June, I spoke briefly about my work in the community through the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund. I was encouraged after that meeting to offer a summary of my remarks to all readers of this column.

Through the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund, as we say, I am able to support a number of projects and programs for the benefit of our Congregation and in the name of CBJ.

The Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund is used to participate in the work of a number of charities and worthy causes. Among them are included quarterly contributions to several institutions and agencies in Israel: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross); the kibbutz called, in English, "Oasis of Peace" (Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam); Seeds of Peace; and others. These institutions, in addition to their obvious purposes, have in common that they stand for the full integration of Israel's Jewish and Arab communities. The Fund is used to give regular support to four Holocaust Memorial and Education Centers in North America (the New England Holocaust Memorial, in Boston; the National Holocaust Memorial, in the City of Washington; the Rhode Island Holocaust Education and Resource Center; and the Holocaust Memorial Centre, in Montreal).

The Fund supports many other Jewish causes, such as HIAS (the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), the Jewish National Fund, the World Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, two Hillel Houses (UMass-Amherst and Brown/RISD), Mazon ("a Jewish Response to Hunger"), the National Yiddish Book Center, and others.

The Fund offers help to some humanitarian causes, under the umbrella of the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam ("mending the world"), such as the Environmental Defense Fund, disaster relief and, this past year, Boston's One Fund.

Please note: I never use the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund to support any political committee or group.

Except for Ben-Gurion University, Magen David Adom, and the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, to whom I send contributions directly to their headquarters in their home countries, all recipients are registered in the United States as not-for-profit organizations.

And there is much more: The Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund, supported each year by a special fund-drive, gives us the ability to finance our share of the Hospitality Program for the Homeless. Last winter, for one week we took our turn in housing and feeding about twenty homeless men. We were privileged to be able to use the social hall of our neighbors at Plymouth's First Baptist Church.

The Fund is used to help some of our members, in situations where there is a special need. The Fund is used to pay for some unexpected, unbudgeted expenses within the Congregation, such as the recent printing and binding of our new Shabbat-on-the-Beach prayer booklets. The Fund has occasionally offered payments to guest-speakers, particularly when brought in from outside the community. The Fund is available to support certain interfaith events, such as our annual Yom Ha-Shoa observance.

In turn, the Congregation's steady support of the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund makes all of this -- and more -- possible.

Again, Happy New Year to us all!

-- Rabbi Lawrence Silverman

BEIT SEFER NEWS

Beit Sefer News

Beit Sefer will begin on Sunday, September 14th with a <u>mandatory</u> parents' meeting at **9:00*** in the Sanctuary. Parents must be present to sign the Attendance Policy and complete an Emergency Form for each of their children attending Beit Sefer. During that time, the children will be downstairs completing crafts in preparation for Sukkot. The students will also have an opportunity to meet their teachers.

*Please note the 9:00 meeting time on September 14th!

Upcoming Dates -

Sunday, September 14th - Parents' meeting @ 9:00 am

Sunday, September 21st - Creation unit

Sunday, September 28th - Creation unit

Sunday, October 5th - Creation unit

🔪 Sunday, October 12th - No Beit Sefer - Columbus Day weekend

Friday, October 17th - Simcha Shabbat @ 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 19th - Jews in America unit

Sunday, October 26th - Jews in America unit



LIMID TORAH

Our Limud Torah, which meets most Monday mornings, from 8:30 to 10:00 a. m., at the Synagogue, has moved into a new area of study. In preparation for the High Holidays, we are now reading excerpts from Shai Agnon's wonderful book, "The Days of Awe." This English-language work is a collection of traditions and stories related to Rosh Ha-Shanah, Yom Kippur, and the Days Between. While knowledge of Hebrew can be helpful at our meetings, it is not a requirement. All are welcome to join us. In the months of September and October, meetings are planned on the following Monday mornings: September 8 and 15; and October 5, 19, and 26. Please check the Weekly Update for occasional adjustments to the schedule.





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Dear Congregants,

Sisterhood is in need of hosts for many of the Onegs in September and October. Onegs are a wonderful way to celebrate the joy and peace inherent in the Shabbat, pause and reconnect with our community and fellow congregants, and warmly welcome newcomers and guests. They can also be a meaningful way to remember loved ones or celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other life-cycle events. By hosting an Oneg, you make this special time possible. Sisterhood provides instructions and many of the supplies, and we are here to answer any questions you might have.

Please contact me at <u>bunnienu@gmail.com</u> or 781.258.7861 if you would like to host an Oneg or would like more information. Thank you for helping CBJ continue this important and fun weekly tradition!

Susan Solomon

September 5th (Simcha Shabbat): Unassigned

September 12th: Unassigned
September 19th: Unassigned
September 26th: No Oneg
October 3rd: No Oneg

October 10th: The Scott Family in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Alex Scott

October 17th (Simchat Torah): Unassigned

October 24th: The Weiner Family in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Weiner

October 31st: Unassigned

The Congregation sends a hearty "Mazel Tov" to...

The Scott family on Alex Scott's Bat Mitzvah

The Weiner family on Adam Weiner's Bar Mitzvah

Richarad and Lynn Rothstein, on the birth of a grandson, Ryan Samuel Del Duca, son of Robert and Jaime Del Duca

CBJ WELCOMES NEW MEMBER: Todd Seideman of Plymouth

CBJ WELCOMES BACK MEMBERS: The Massie Family of Plymouth

Deadline for the November/December 2014 TENT is October 13th. Articles and news may be submitted to Robin Kirby at robink12@verizon.net and are accepted earlier than the deadline. Please note that the deadline is just that a deadline. I would like to keep the issues of the TENT coming out the last week of the month prior to the TENT issue ie. November/December should be out the last week of October so congregants that wish to attend upcoming events know of them in advance.

Thank you in advance for your understanding,

Robin Kirby, Editor



CBJ BROTHERHOOD

Membership in this stellar group is the main reason we are able to do what we do. True, we have far too much fun to take much of anything seriously. However, (between guffaws) we've still managed to top over 4,000 lbs. of non perishable food items in our ongoing food drive to help stock the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse while still donating ³/₄ of the Brotherhood Treasury to CBJ. So, it's not just about the fun!

As we approach another membership drive, it's important to take note of what we've accomplished over the past year: There is, of course our yearly donation to CBJ, our ongoing Food Drive. But there's also the twice a month bowling. The visit to the Plymouth Correctional Facility. The Movie nights, the "sumptuous" Breakfasts with their unique speakers. There are a number of other "things" in the works to make this next year even better than last year. But most important, please take note that YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!!! Sure, we'd like you to be involved. But if that's not possible (because of all your other "stuff"), we'd still greatly appreciate your support with your membership to our esteemed group of questionable characters.

So, we invite you to be on the inside "looking out", helping your CBJ Brotherhood help us "help us". For a mere \$25 check (about a weeks worth of coffee) made out to CBJ Brotherhood and sent to Seth Teles (31 Birch Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360) you too can be one of the chosen few.

High Holy Day Schedule 2014

<u>Service</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rosh Hashanah First Day Evening Rosh Hashanah First Day Morning Rosh Hashanah First Day Tashlich	Wednesday, Sept 24, 7:30 PM Thursday, Sept 25, 10:00 AM Thursday, Sept 25, *	Synagogue The Spire Town Brook
Rosh Hashanah Children's	Thursday, Sept 25, 3:00 PM	Synagogue
Rosh Hashanah Second Day Evening Rosh Hashanah Second Day Morning	Thursday, Sept 25, 7:30 PM Friday, Sept 26, 10:00 AM	Synagogue Synagogue
Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service	Saturday, Sept 27, 10:00 AM	Synagogue
Memorial Service Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Yom Kippur Morning Yom Kippur Yizkor Yom Kippur Children's Yom Kippur Torah Study Yom Kippur Afternoon Yom Kippur Concluding Yom Kippur Break Fast	Sunday, Sept 28, 9:15 AM CBJ Friday, Oct 3, 7:30 PM Saturday, Oct 4, 10:00 AM Saturday, Oct 4, * Saturday, Oct 4, 3:00 PM Saturday, Oct 4, 4:00 PM Saturday, Oct 4, 5:00 PM Saturday, Oct 4, 6:00 PM Saturday, Oct 4, 6:00 PM	Cemetery Synagogue The Spire The Spire Synagogue Synagogue Synagogue Synagogue Synagogue Synagogue
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^{*} Immediately following previous service

High Holy Day Aliyot

Any one wishing an aliyah for the High Holy Days should phone Seth Teles at (508) 746-5607 or send an email to scteles@aol.com. The suggested donation for an aliyah is \$35.

Seth Teles

DONATIONS

YAHRZEIT FUND

Rose Geller in memory of Pearl Shworn from the Geller Family

Susan Goldberg in memory of Elizabeth Epstein

Paula & Joe Keller, Dana, Scott and Cooper Campandela in memory of Lucille Arons

Paula & Joe Keller, Dana, Scott and Cooper Campandela in memory of Adeline Keller

William Righter in memory of Julius Cooper

William Righter in memory of Benjamin Righter

Richard & Linda Rothstein in memory of Frances Strauch

Vickie Sachs in memory of Ceal Greenberg

Fred & Irene Sarke in memory of Edith Lipetz

Laure, David & Josh Sholes in memory of Pearl Shwom

Susan & Joseph Stone & Familyin memory of Pearl Shwom

Jackie & Steve Winokur in memory of Adeline Keller

GENERAL FUND

Matthew Laporte

Jackie & Steve Winokur in memroy of Ruth Cohen

RESNICK FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

ESTELLE POKROSS AND HYMAN SHERMAN FUND

Rose Geller in honor of Allan & Judith Sherman's 50th wedding anniversary

SARAH AND ABRAHAM SHERMAN FUND

TV FUND

The Lawrence Geller Family

Suzanne Goldberg

Anonymous

MISC

Dr. Scott & Alyssa Miner—Tree of Life Donation in honor of parents 50th Wedding Anniversary—Linda & Jim Hurwitz

Arnold Sollar-donation

Village at Proprietors Green for talk given by Rabbi

The Rabbi's Mitzvah serves as Rabbi Silverman's "discretionary fund." It supports otherwise not-budgeted for projects, programs, and charitable works for the benefit of the Congregation and in its name. (Please see this newsletter's "Rabbi's Message" for more about what this special Fund does.) Contributions to this Fund are welcome in any amount and are always helpful. When you send your gift, please send your dedication instructions and a check payable to "CBJ-Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund." A letter will be sent to the one who is honored by your gift or to the family of one who is being remembered. Thank you!

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.

HINENI

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Jacob are continuing (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 coordinator, Suzanne Goldberg @ 508-833-8896, or Rabbi Silverman @ 508-746-1575. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed.

YAHRZEITS DURING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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

YAHRZEITS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

(Observance begins the preceding evening)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Louis Lipetz
- 3 Morris Teles
- 5 Sylvia Krenis
- 8 Philip Liss
- 9 Victor Blass
- 12 Jean Feinberg
- 12 Hyatt Smick
- 15 Claire Jonas
- 15 Ludwig Jonas
- 15 Dorothy Schwartz
- 17 Dorothy Hyatt Smick
- 21 George Gilbert
- 21 Edward Albert
- 21 Julius Putnam
- 23 Harold Righter
- 26 Claire Sternfield
- 28 Rose Cohen
- 28 Samuel Toabe
- 29 Jack Bello
- 30 Benedict Veiner

OCTOBER

- 1 Bessie Sophie Putnam
- 1 Melvin Pierce
- 2 Bessie Keller
- 2 Harry Mankoff
- 2 Jacob Kaplan
- 4 Burton Cowan

OCTOBER

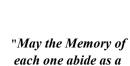
- 4 Frances Bailey
- 5 Brian Herman
- 6 Edith Poretsky
- 7 Phillip Gerber
- 8 Isaac Stein
- 8 Max Toabe
- 8 Abraham Lelyveld9 Mitchell David Co-
- 1.
- 9 Reubin Winokur
- 10 Ari Meltzer
- 12 Barbara Righter
- 12 Celia Aranowitz
- 12 Meyer Minkowitz
- 14 Eva Erie
- 15 Maxine Eiger
- 15 Joseph Wax
- 17 Lillian Roth
- 18 Fannie Winokur
- 19 David S. Katz
- 20 Richard Balton
- 21 Anna Veiner
- 23 Manuel Arons
- 24 Zelda Gladstein 26 Harris Cohen
- 26 Sarah Sherman
- 26 Harry Skulsky
- 27 Lionel Greene

OCTOBER

- 28 Anna P. Rodman
- 28 Herbert Neitlich
- 29 Gloria Rothstein
- 30 Ada Lutzky

NOVEMBER

- 1 Morton Arons
- 3 Harvey Chernoff
- 3 Frank Goldberg
- 3 Frederick Klein



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.

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	3	4	5 Shabbat Services 7:30 Oneg:	6
7 9:30 Brotherhood Breakfast reservations by 9/1 required to attend!	8	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Services 7:30 Oneg:	13
14 9:00 Mandatory Beit Sefer meeting for par- ents	15	16 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	17	18	19 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Oneg:	20
21 9:45 Beit Sefer	22 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	23	24 7:30 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service— Synagogue	25 10:00Rosh Hashanah Service—Spire 1:00 Tashlick Town Brook 7:30 Service— Synag	26 10:00 Rosh Hashanah Service –Synagogue No Shabbat Service No Oneg	27 10:00 Shabbat Shuvah Service
28 9:45 Beit Sefer	29	30				

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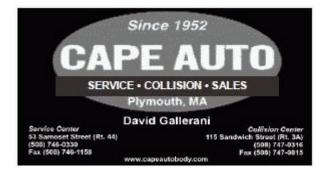
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7:30pm Kol Nidre Service—Synagogue No Oneg	4 10:00 Yom Kippur Service—Spire 5:00 Service—Synag 7:00 Break Fast
5 9:45 Beit Sefer	6	7 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 Brotherhood Bowling	8 Sukkot begins at sundown	9	10 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Scott Family	11 10:30 Alex Scott— Bat Mitzvah
12 No Beit Sefer	13 COLUMBUS DAY	14	15	16 Simchat Torah begins at sundown	17 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg:	18
19 9:45 Beit Sefer	20	21 7:00 Brootherhood Bowling	22	23	24 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Oneg: Weiner Family	25 10:00 Adam Weiner— Bar Mitzvah
26 9:45 Beit Sefer	27 7:00 CBJ Board Meeting	28	29	30	31	

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