



## THE PUP TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter

April, 2020

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

In view of the current coronavirus pandemic, all previously scheduled meetings, Shabbat services, group activities and social events, including the CBJ Community Seder, have been canceled or postponed until further notice, for the protection of our congregants. This includes Beit Sefer and Confirmation classes. Rabbi Silverman has contacted all Bar and Bat Mitzvah students to arrange for their studies to continue. Although your Presidents and Rabbi Silverman have been reluctant to make this policy, the protection and well-being of our congregants is paramount.

**Watch this space for updates on when scheduled meetings and events will resume.**

### SHABBAT!



During the time when Shabbat services are suspended, (and maybe even after regular Shabbat services have resumed,) Rabbi Silverman is providing his message/weekly sermon to the congregation via the Weekly Update.

It is at times like this, when our lives are defined by uncertainty, fear and isolation, that our links to friends and community are more important than ever. While actual Shabbat services have been suspended, the CBJ Weekly Update will include a "Virtual Shabbat Service," with links to the prayers and songs that comprise a Friday evening observance.

Imagine! There will be no need to leave the comfort of your own house or to struggle to find parking in downtown Plymouth to experience the joy of celebrating Shabbat -- one of the most important holidays in the Jewish calendar. While we hope that this medical crisis will pass quickly and our lives will resume some element of normalcy soon, we can still find a way to worship together and maintain our bonds as members of the CBJ family.



Your Executive Board and Rabbi Silverman hope that all of our congregants and friends will be safe and remain healthy during this medical crisis. To learn what you and your families can do to minimize your risk of infection, [click here](#).

### **Message from Rabbi Silverman**

The combined Torah portions that we read on March 20th tell of the building and ornamenting of Israel's first "synagogue," the "Tent of Meeting," which will house the Ark of the Covenant and the stones inscribed with the words of the Ten Commandments. The key to all of this "building and ornamentation" is that only an individual with a "willing spirit" was expected to do these things. As it is said: "They came, every person whose heart was motivated to do this, every one whose spirit was willing, to bring an offering for the work of the Tent of Meeting."

That having been said, although we do not gather as we usually do, it does not mean that we cannot share the warmth and inspiration of Jewish learning. This moment provides an opportunity for us to be drawn closer to one another in our hearts, even if it cannot be done in person. "Social distancing" should not minimize our connection to our community and to our traditions. Our community is more than the Synagogue in which we gather. And yes, our Synagogue is special: 106 years old, it has been a center for Jewish life and learning through two world wars and other 20th Century tragedies. And yes, it is our people who make us who we are. In these uncertain times, let us continue to hold each other up, to support each other, and to focus on our communal life and spirit, which extends far beyond the present crisis in the world.

Let me add: If you wish to contact me, please feel free to do so, by phone (508-746-0010) or by email ([rabbilawrence@gmail.com](mailto:rabbilawrence@gmail.com)).

May you go from strength to strength! – Rabbi Lawrence



**The Following Yahrzeits Will be Observed in April:**

*(A memorial candle should be lit on the preceding evening.)*

**April**

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| 3 Ida Kabelsky              | 19 Barry S. Meltzer        |
| 4 Mary Jane Katz            | 20 James Moore             |
| 4 Joseph George Resnick     | 21 Eleanor Goldberg        |
| 6 Leo Eckman                | 21 Hyman John Klasky       |
| 7 Dora Sackheim             | 22 Anne Paley              |
| 8 Sadye Sherman Gereboff    | 23 Robert Goldberg         |
| 8 Louis Segal               | 23 Thelma Misner           |
| 8 Albert A. Silverman       | 23 Leigh Robinson          |
| 9 Drazel Carlin             | 24 Bessie Goldsmith Parker |
| 10 Ida Cohen                | 24 Lily Winter             |
| 10 Henry Feinberg           | 26 Helen Spekman           |
| 10 Frances Nigrosh          | 27 Rubin Berman            |
| 10 Samuel Poretsky          | 27 Morris Bunday           |
| 10 Irving J. Sadow          | 27 Jacob Keller            |
| 10 Leah Supornick           | 28 Estelle Pokross Sherman |
| 10 Mitchell Toabe           | 29 Samuel Cohen            |
| 11 Rosalyn Kraus            | 29 Dorothy Eckman          |
| 11 Charles Paul             | 29 Estelle Epstein         |
| 12 Fannie Penn              | 29 Lillian Goober          |
| 12 Aaron Slawsby            | 29 Ruth Lipman             |
| 13 Victor A. Shiff          | 29 Barney Perlman          |
| 16 Maurice Benjamin Resnick | 29 Frances Riback          |
| 16 Joseph Weiner            | 29 Celia Sadow             |
| 16 Max Winokur              | 29 Fannie D. Shiff         |
| 17 Joseph Greenberg         | 30 Samuel B. Fortunow      |
| 17 Cecille Rosen            | 30 Janet Shane             |
| 17 Joseph Barney Van West   |                            |
| 18 David Keil               |                            |

*May their memories be for a blessing and live forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved them.*

**In Sympathy**

The CBJ Community sends its heartfelt condolences to the Weiss Family on the passing of Lois' brother, Dr. Andrew Smick.

*May his memory abide as a blessing.*



Congregation Beth Jacob gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

**Yahrzeit Fund:**

Jackie & Steve Winokur - in memory of Jackie's father, I. Harry Keller  
Joe & Paula Keller and the Campanella Family - in memory of Joe's father, I. Harry Keller  
Carole Gilbert - in memory of her mother, Charlotte Lippman  
Martin Starr - in memory of Susan Starr  
Linda & Richard Rothstein - in memory of Linda's mother, Beatice Klein

**General Fund:**

Sheila Toabe (Sheila is the daughter of Mitchell and Anna Toabe, z"l, who grew up in Plymouth and who now lives in California. Her brother, Norman, passed away last month. Sheila makes annual donations to CBJ in recognition of the Toabe and Sherman families and their contribution to Jewish life in Plymouth. Her generosity is greatly appreciated.)

**Donations Received For the Passing of Lois' Weiss's brother, Dr. Andrew Smick:**

Jane & Andrew Streisfeld  
Beverly & Dean Wasserman, MD  
Jeffrey & Deborah Grossman

**Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund:**

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Stephen and Hazel Minsky  
Roy Zahreciyan and Susan Moore  
Suzanne Goldberg  
Matt and Marjorie Nydell

Dan and Ronnie Hirschhorn  
Paul and Pamela Sechoka  
Alan and Karen Shapiro  
Sheila Toabe  
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Steve and Jackie Winokur  
Fay Meltzer  
Rose Litchman  
Julie and Jeremy Manus

**Editor's Note:** "The Pup Tent" is a monthly publication that provides a condensed summary of CBJ news, including the monthly Calendar, upcoming Yahrzeit dates, and acknowledgments of donations that have been received. The "CBJ Weekly Update" is our weekly email newsletter that includes full details about upcoming events, as well as information about the weekly Torah reading portion and helpful links to various resources. **To subscribe to the CBJ Weekly Update, please contact me at [judith.sherman@gmail.com](mailto:judith.sherman@gmail.com).**

Thank you!  
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