



THE PUP TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter
June, 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

For the protection of our congregants, all previously scheduled meetings, Shabbat services, group activities, and social events have been canceled or postponed until further notice, in view of the current coronavirus pandemic. **Watch this space for updates on when our synagogue building will be reopened and scheduled meetings and events will resume.**

SHABBAT!



During the time when Shabbat services are suspended, a "Virtual Shabbat Service," with links to essential blessings, prayers and songs, as well as Rabbi Silverman's weekly message/sermon, is being published in the "CBJ Weekly Update." If you do not already receive the "CBJ Weekly Update," please send an email message to Judith Sherman at judith.sherman@gmail.com, and she will be happy to add you to the distribution list.

CBJ has also been conducting Shabbat services via **Zoom**, a teleconferencing computer application. See the "CBJ Weekly Update" for information on how to connect to these services using Zoom.

You can participate in our Shabbat service from the comfort of your own home. Reconnect with fellow congregants and experience the joy of celebrating Shabbat – one of the most important holidays in the Jewish calendar. While we hope that the Covid-19 crisis will pass quickly and that 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.



Message from Rabbi Silverman

(The following message was published in the January, 2019 edition of "The Tent,." after the murderous attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue. In it, our Rabbi addressed the importance of our observance of Shabbat -- how it brings us together as Jews and as a community; how it clears our minds and prepares us for a day of rest. At this unique time, although we cannot physically congregate in our Sanctuary, it is more important than ever for us to maintain the bonds of community and to remember that we are there for each other.)

The value of Shabbat services on Friday is often misunderstood. It does not mean, all of a sudden, because someone decides to attend our evening service, that the individual has become a "Shabbat observer." We had a surge in attendance on Friday, November 2nd, largely in response to the atrocity – the tragedy – which took place in Pittsburgh on the previous Shabbat. Being in our Synagogue that Friday night was an expression of solidarity, of pain, of remembrance, and of determination in the aftermath of the awful events which had come like a plague into our consciousness. Being together for a Shabbat service can be a response to tragedy and can be a response to values of a different kind: We are together with other Jews and visitors, some of whom may not be Jewish: individuals, for example, who are studying or wish to learn about Judaism. We are together for a peaceful purpose, in the midst of a world that is full of conflict. We hear or read words which come to us from a long tradition. We can acknowledge that these words may not express our own thoughts. Yet we know these words are important: Without them we may not have come to be where we are in the world and in our own thinking. We hear a D'var Torah, words of teaching, usually from me, the Rabbi, and occasionally from one of you, members of CBJ. We have a quiet time during services: time to let go of our daily struggles, time to meditate, time to think, time to remember those who are sick or injured and to send helpful thoughts in their direction. Being together for a Shabbat service also means a chance to socialize with others who are there with us: those others who are there, perhaps, just to meet us. This weekly practice of ours is one of the most precious hours in my daily life. How important might it be to you? I can't answer that question. Why not try it? Give services a chance – any Friday night will do – and see for yourself!

-- Rabbi Lawrence --

You may contact Rabbi Silverman by phone (508-746-0010) or by email at (rabbilawrence@gmail.com).



The Following Yahrzeits Will be Observed in June:

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

June

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| 1 Solomon Bromberg | 17 Sara Skulsky |
| 1 Ralph Jacob Resnick | 18 Myer "Mike" Starr |
| 5 Benjamin Bailey | 19 William F. Melville |
| 5 Esther Isaacson | 19 Ruth Putnam Sherman |
| 5 Jean T. Romanow | 19 Frank Simon |
| 6 Walter Kilimnik | 20 Israel Erdunast |
| 7 Herman Michaels | 20 Carl Finer |
| 8 Faye Rothstein | 20 Frances Taub |
| 9 Theodore Strauss | 21 Louis Koplan |
| 10 Lloyd Anderson | 22 Esther Ruth Keil |
| 10 Joseph W. Swartz | 22 Zelda Selya Silverman |
| 11 Alberta Bogin | 25 Cecile Baker Greenberg |
| 11 Alfred D. Bryan | 26 Kate Hurwitz |
| 11 Hyman David Koblantz | 26 Mary Minsky |
| 11 William Mitchell Jr. | 26 Milton Moore |
| 13 Dora G. Bell | 27 David Starr |
| 13 Ruth Cohen | 28 Irving Isaacson |
| 13 Jacob William Yutan | 29 Jack Greenberg |
| 14 Vera I. Marcus | 29 Herbert Silverman |
| 14 Hattie Resnick Waterman | 30 Alice Harris |
| 15 Jack Gurwitch | 30 Jack C. Swartz |
| 16 Rachel Resnick | 30 Jack Weiss |
| 17 Leon Bromberg | |
| 17 Edith Lipetz | |

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



Congregation Beth Jacob gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

Yahrzeit Fund:

Don & Carol Gilbert - in memory of Carol's father, William Lippman

Mel & Lois Klasky - in memory of Lois' parents, Dinah & Phillip Van West

Jeff & Franny Shelly - in memory of Jeff's father, Arnold Shelly

Paula & Joe Keller - in memory of Paula's mother, Lucille Arons

Fred & Irene Sarke - in memory of Irene's brother, Marc Lipetz



Thank You, CBJ, For An Amazing Response to the Food Drive Appeal!

Ronnie Hirschhorn reported that she has received donations from CBJ congregants in the amount of \$3,153 in response to the fundraising Appeal for the Plymouth Food Warehouse. Thank you, one and all, for your generosity, for your empathy, and for your willingness to help your neighbors in need. Your response is a living act of Tikkun Olam.

Beit Sefer Teacher Recognition

Since there was no opportunity to thank our Beit Sefer staff in person this year, we would like to acknowledge the many valuable contributions that our Beit Sefer staff have made to the education of our children this past year. The curriculum material was provided/compiled by our devoted Education Committee Chair, Alan Koplan and his wife Pam. They updated lessons and added ideas that everyone enjoyed. Our principals, Wendy Puljanowski and Lauren Jezerski, put in such a huge creative and commendable effort. The teachers this year were Dara Campanella and Lane Goldberg. Along with them, we had several helpers that came in to add their talent, especially during the Rabbi's absence. They were Barbara Aharoni, Dianne Bluestein, Seth Teles and Jackie Winokur. Our children will tell you that they had a great year of learning and fun. They may be young and some are small but they have a mighty spirit and enthusiasm for Jewish learning. We also want to thank the parents who made sure they came every session.



Recipe of the Month:

Sheila Finer's Mandel Bread was legendary at CBJ. I don't know if this is the recipe that she was famous for, but it was printed in Sisterhood's compilation of recipes, entitled "The Best Little Cookbook in Town," in 1984 and was attributed to her. Sheila (z"l) was the Editor of this cookbook and was a past President of CBJ.

Mandel Bread

3 eggs

1 c. sugar

1/2 c. oil

3 c. flour (King Arthur)

1-1/4 tsp. baking powder

1/4 c. water

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 c. nuts (chopped)

Yellow raisins

Mix eggs and sugar. Add oil and water. Sift dry ingredients. Make 2 long strips on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes until light golden brown. Cut in slices immediately, sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar mixture and bake in 250 degree oven for about 10 minutes more until dry.



Laughter Corner

A poor man walking in the forest feels close enough to God to ask, “God, what is a million years to you?”

God replies, “My son, a million years to you is like a second to me.”

The man asks, “God, what is a million dollars to you?”

God replies, “My son, a million dollars to you is less than a penny to me. It means almost nothing to me.”

The man asks, “So God, can I have a million dollars?”

And God replies, “In a second.”

Two Rabbis were discussing their problems with squirrels in their synagogue attic. One Rabbi said, “We simply called an exterminator and we never saw the squirrels again.” The other Rabbi said, “We just gave the squirrels a bar mitzvah, and we never saw them again.”

You Don't Have To Be Jewish!

"You Don't Have to be Jewish" is a 1965 comedy album written by Bob Booker and George Foster, the team behind the 1962 comedy album *The First Family*. The album features Lou Jacobi, Betty Walker, Jack Gilford, Joe Silver, Jackie Kannon, Bob McFadden, Frank Gallop, and Arlene Golonka, in a variety of roles, mostly Jewish, performing a mixture of jokes and comedy sketches. The album was highly successful, with syndicated columnist Walter Winchell calling the album "the No. 1 seller in Suburbia" and noting that as a popular gift "it has replaced the fountain pen at Bar Mitzvahs." A sequel, *When You're in Love, the Whole World is Jewish*, largely reunited the original cast but replaced the unavailable Golonka with her friend Valerie Harper. "You Don't Have to be Jewish to love Levy's" was an advertising campaign for Levy's rye bread that began in 1961 and ran through the 1970s.

While some of the material is a little dated, most is still a relevant and hilarious reflection on the human condition. My personal favorites are Track 1 (A Call from Long Island), Track 4 (The Diamond) and Track 15 (Conversation in the Lobby.) We can all use a little laughter in our lives right now. Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uil9jjO-EWQ>

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.** Thank you!

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