



THE PUP TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter
November, 2021

SHABBAT!



Consistent with the practice of other synagogues in our area, CBJ has been conducting Shabbat services via **Zoom** for the past year and a half. See the "CBJ Weekly Update" for information on how to connect to these services. If you do not currently receive the "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 Calendar of Upcoming Events:

October 29, 7:00 pm - Shabbat Service

November 1, 8:30 am - Limud Torah Study Group with Rabbi Emeritus Lawrence Silverman

November 3, 1:00 pm - Adult Education Book Discussion: A Conversation with Lori Banov Kaufmann, author of Rebel Daughter

November 5, 7:00 pm - Shabbat Service

November 11, 8:30 am - Limud Torah Study Group

November 12, 7:00 pm - Sisterhood Shabbat (In person and via Zoom)

November 15, 8:30 am - Limud Torah Study Group

November 19, 7:00 pm - Shabbat Service

November 22, 8:30 am - Limud Torah Study Group

November 22, 7:00 pm: CBJ Board Meeting

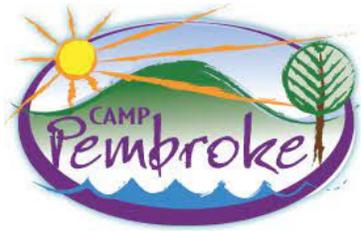
November 26, 7:00 pm - Shabbat Service

November 28: - Light the First Chanukah Candle

December 4 - Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner/Latke Party (in person), combined with Havdalah Service and Murder Mystery (live and via Zoom)

See the "CBJ Weekly Update" for details and links to join these meetings.

[To see CBJ's online Calendar of Events, click here.](#)



Recognizing the positive lifelong impact that a Jewish summer camp experience has on our children, in reinforcing Jewish values and promoting the interaction with other Jewish kids, the CBJ Board voted to enable three of our Beit Sefer students to attend Camp Pembroke, with generous subsidies from The Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life and The Adeline & Reuben Winokur American and Jewish History Prize Fund. As a part of the requirements for receiving the Winokur Prize Fund subsidy, each student was to submit an essay describing the history of the camp and their camp experience. Jessie Bluestein's essay is below.

Jessie Bluestein's Essay About Her Experience at Camp Pembroke Last Summer

The Jewish camp, Camp Pembroke brings not just history and religion, but joy and fun. Today, I will be teaching you the history and facts and most importantly, the fun things camp brings!

The Jewish camp, Camp Pembroke, was founded by Eli and Bessie Cohen. These two people were also the founders of all the Cohen camps which include Camp Pembroke, Camp Tel Noar, and Camp Tevya. It all started when Eli and Bessie wanted to have a stronger community and education. Also, a Jewish camp can help make a stronger connection with others. Meanwhile, the YMHA were the founders of Camp Bauercrest, an all-boy Jewish camp. In honor, Eli and Bessie wanted a dedicated camp for Jewish girls to help have a clear understanding of our religion just like the boys had. This would help both genders learn truly about their ancestors, and their childhood. This is the history behind Camp Pembroke.

The Jewish camp, Camp Pembroke, brings a great education to others about our religion. In the morning, the whole camp gathers around for the gathering of the flag which we sing the pledge of allegiance as we remember America and how the flag still stands. Each bunk has a day where they lead either morning or night flag by saying a small dedication to the camp. Once we do we go off to eat. In the morning, when we sit down we say a small prayer before we eat. We say that prayer for both Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner. When we finish for both Breakfast and Lunch we say the same ending prayer, but for Dinner it is much longer as we thank for the food and water. Every evening, before Dinner we gather around for flag. This time we sing the hatikva to also show our respect in Israel. On Friday night, the camp holds services in honor of Shabbat. Everyone dresses up in blue and white and we all sing songs. We also have a big meal for Shabbat. For example, one time we had challah, chicken soup, potato latkes, and chicken. Afterwards, as a camp we return together to sing more songs and do some Israeli dancing led by the dance staff! On Saturday's, we sleep in to honor the day of rest. We also gather for a small service that includes more singing. We also have sing. This is when the camp gathers around in the Dining Hall singing fun songs. Just being with others brings joy to your eyes. This is what a great education Camp Pembroke does to help children learn the meaning of being Jewish.

The Jewish camp, Camp Pembroke brings fun to your life! A fun schedule on a regular basis could be, media, swimming, sculpture making, drama, and Nitroball! The schedule is changing everyday! There's so much to do! At the waterfront you can go boating and swimming! Boats that you can go on include, stand up paddleboarding, kayaking, pedal boat, a corcl and more! Also, you can go water skiing. Swimming at the waterfront is also really fun! You can go on the water trampoline and the jungle gym. There is also a water tube that you can balance on. There is also an option to go sailing. The waterfront has so many fun things! Another fun activity is media! Media is when the media staff teach about cameras and videos, and at one point you get to go and take photos or pictures around camp. This is a great way to use your thinking skills to determine the great angle for a photo/video. Another fun filled activity is drama! This is where you can try out to have a solo in a song! For example, one time we did, This is the Greatest Show, from The Greatest Showman. This is another great activity to be able to show your talent and who you are! Watch out! Next up is Athletics! Get ready to do tennis, nitroball, nukem, nine square, dodgeball, gaga ball, archery and more! There's so many options, and fun things out there! This can help discover a secret talent of yours! Wear something you don't mind getting paint on, it's art and crafts! Sculpture time! What will you make out of clay? How about fun with fabric? So many fabrics to choose from to make a fun collage! Paint bar is next. Get ready to learn fun new tricks to painting! Rainbow party is when you decorate arts and crafts with the colors that desire you most! Look out, it's jewelry making time! What will you make with so many beads to choose from? General arts and crafts is my favorite! Get ready to choose what you want to do! Is Fun with fabric your favorite or paint bar? Arts and crafts is a great way to be creative! Pool time is here! Free swim all the time! Oh no! Do you have instructional swim? Don't worry, all you do is play fun games! Swimming is super because you can be with your friends and have a blast! Next up, Israeli dancing! Get ready to follow along and dance your heart out to some Israeli songs! Last but not least, it's JLL time! Get ready to learn about religion and culture! This can help make you a happier and stronger person!

As you can see, Camp Pembroke is so amazing for its education, fun and joy! Camp Pembroke has a great history behind it and it helps teach you about religion and who we are as well as fun activities you can enjoy everyday! This is why Camp Pembroke is amazing in every way!

I think we can all agree that Jessie has written a terrific essay that describes how her experience at Camp Pembroke has affected her life. Yasher Koach, Jessie! Good job!

Chanukah! (Or is it Thanksgivukkah?) November 28 - December 6!



Candles are added to the hanukkiyah (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.)

Light the shamash (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights. As you do, say or sing:

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

TRANSLATION

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

To see a You Tube video with transliteration, click on the links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nd5RI0N-ijl>

<https://reformjudaism.org/beliefs-practices/prayers-blessings/hanukkah-blessings>

Shehecheyanu (on the First Night Only):

On the first night only, we say the Shehecheyanu, thanking God for allowing us to reach this season.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

TRANSLATION

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

YouTube video of Susan Salidor with transliterations

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhMDQw5gdCM>



Exciting New Adult Education Programs! Conversations With Jewish Authors

Join with about 25 other Reform congregations for a monthly conversation with a Jewish author of a newly published book. You will find information about each monthly program in the Weekly Update, in The Pup Tent, and in the CBJ calendar of events on the CBJ website (cbjplymouth.org.) **Please note that participation in these programs is free of charge, but advance registration is required.**

To see the complete schedule, click here.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Tx1u5CjP09H1o1o0xUZasj5BXPHDvUfja98V_nFsbg8/edit?usp=sharing

Upcoming Programs: A Conversation with Lori Banov Kaufmann, author of *Rebel Daughter* November 3, 2021, 1:00 pm (ET)

About the Author: As soon as she learned of the first century tombstone that inspired *Rebel Daughter*, Lori Banov Kaufmann wanted to know more. She resolved to bring this ancient love story to life. Before becoming a full-time writer, Lori was a strategy consultant for high-tech companies. She has a BA from Princeton University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School. She lives in Israel with her family.

Summary of the Book: In the first century, the Jews in a small, remote province on the eastern edge of the Roman empire rebelled and established their own state with Jerusalem as its capital. The war of the Jews against the Romans, as the ancient historian Flavius Josephus called it, lasted four grueling, blood-soaked years. At stake was the survival of the Jewish people. *Rebel Daughter* is based on the unlikely but true story of a woman and a man who lived through this momentous time. The woman's two-thousand-year-old gravestone was discovered near the Bay of Naples. The stone's epitaph revealed their ancient love story. This emotional and impassioned saga, based on real characters and meticulous research, seamlessly blends the fascinating story of the Jewish people with a timeless protagonist determined to take charge of her own life against all odds.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqc-2spzgtG9ae8Ta-3oeQswiYoLxSS0P->

**A Talk with Joanne Samuel Goldblum, author of Broke in America
November 17 at 8:00 PM ET**

About the Author: Joanne Goldblum MSW, serves as chief executive officer of National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN), and is the co-author of *Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding, and Ending Us Poverty* (Feb. 2021, Benbella Books). Joanne is also the founder of The Diaper Bank of Connecticut, formerly the New Haven Diaper Bank, and she serves on the board of directors of FitHaven and Let There Be Light International and Invisible People. Her work has been recognized by NPR, The Nation, Good Morning America, The Huffington Post, Time, People, and ABC World News Tonight, among others.

Summary of the Book: Water. Food. Housing. The most basic and crucial needs for survival, yet 40 percent of people in the United States don't have the resources to get them. With key policy changes, we could eradicate poverty in this country within our lifetime—but we need to get started now. Nearly 40 million people in the United States live below the poverty line. Low-income families and individuals are everywhere, from cities to rural communities. While poverty is commonly seen as a personal failure, or a deficiency of character or knowledge, it's actually the result of bad policy. Public policy has purposefully erected barriers that deny access to basic needs, creating a society where people can easily become trapped—not because we lack the resources to lift them out, but because we are actively choosing not to.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkc-6vrTkiH9WEt51bq8InHkOp-vTRhfNN>

**A Talk With Raffi Berg, author of Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake
Diving Resort
December 1, 2021 at 1:00 pm ET**

About the Author: Raffi Berg is the Middle East editor of the BBC News website, and has extensive experience reporting on Israel and the wider region. His article scratching the surface of this story was the most-read original feature in the history of the site, with more than five and a half million readers to date

Summary of the Book: In the early 1980s on a remote part of the Sudanese coast, a new luxury holiday resort opened for business. Catering for divers, it attracted guests from around the world. Little did the holidaymakers know that the staff were undercover spies, working for the Mossad – the Israeli secret service. Written by long time BBC Middle East correspondent Raffi Berg, this page-turner tells the true story that inspired the recent Netflix drama *The Red Sea Diving Resort*. What began with one cryptic message pleading for help, turned into the secret evacuation of thousands of Ethiopian Jews who had been languishing in refugee camps, and the spirited of them to Israel.

What: A Conversation with Raffi Berg, author of *Red Sea Spies*

When: Wednesday, December 1 at 1:00 PM ET

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rdeGpqT4uH9aYWI_LvdB4IRZ7eG8lj-h3

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



If you know of any new families in the Plymouth area who might be interested in joining CBJ, please ask them to contact our Membership Chair, Rose Litchman at snobuntng@aol.com
[Click here for a link to CBJ's Application Form.](#)



How to Play Dreidel

The Setup: All players sit around the playing area. The "ante" or tokens (these can be any small objects, such as chocolate gelt, pennies, dried beans, or raisins) are divided equally among all players. Players take turns spinning the dreidel; the player with the highest spin has the first turn. (Nun is highest, then Gimmel, Hey, and Shin.) If there is a tie, the two who tied spin again. Everyone puts one unit of the ante (penny, nut, etc.) into the pot. Play moves clockwise.

To Play: Each player begins with an equal number of game pieces (usually 10–15). At the beginning of each round, every participant puts one game piece into the center "pot". Every player puts one in the pot after every turn. Each player spins the dreidel once during their turn. Depending on which side is facing up when the dreidel stops spinning, the player either gives or takes game pieces from the pot.

If the dreidel lands on a...

NUN - נ

If נ (nun) is facing up, the player does nothing. The person to the left spins.

GIMMEL - ג

You get to take the whole pot! Everyone, including the spinner, puts another ante unit into the pot, and the person to the left spins.

HEY - ה

The player gets half of the pieces in the pot. (If there are an odd number of pieces in the pot, the player takes half the pot rounded up to the nearest whole number.)

SHIN - ש

Sorry! You now have to put another unit into the pot.

Have Fun and Happy Hanukkah!

Brotherhood News



Watch the Weekly Update for information about future Brotherhood events that are being planned, including a Discussion Group and a Movie Discussion Night, both to be conducted by Zoom.

Larry Winokur suggested the following topic for the next Brotherhood Discussion:

An interesting article was recently published in The Boston Globe about an idea in Israel called "shrinking the conflict". While a long term resolution to the conflict does not seem probable in the near future, perhaps reducing the impact on the Palestinians in the short term might jump start potential peace down the road. The goal is to provide equal measures of freedom, security, opportunity and dignity, according to one official. Improve freedom of movement, freedom to develop, and freedom to prosper. Improve economic independence; improve Internet access to them, expand self-rule, build 900 homes in the West Bank, improve educational opportunity and freedom of movement at checkpoints, and so forth. This and other steps, so it goes, might "contain the conflict, reduce if not eliminate it, and broaden the Palestinians' freedom of movement and economic opportunity." In any event, if the topic is worthy of exploration and discussion, we need a volunteer to do a little bit of research on it, make a 5 or 10 minute presentation and moderate the Zoom discussion. Will anybody step up to the plate? If not, does anyone have another subject which perhaps they might be willing to present? Please contact Larry if you are willing to moderate this discussion.

lswinokur1@gmail.com

The Brotherhood Dues Form for 2021-2022 is on the following pages.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

The Executive Board of Sisterhood met with Rabbi Mills and have come up with some very interesting programming. We are going to do our best to do hybrid events whenever possible.

Friday, November 12, 7:00 pm Sisterhood Shabbat Service!

On Friday November 12th, we will be having a Sisterhood Shabbat, both in-person and by Zoom. Cindy and Paula will be coming up with a theme and looking for participants for both in person and Zoom. If anyone would like to have a part, Hebrew, English or singing please contact Cindy Teles (iacorna@aol.com)

Saturday, December 4th Chanukah Dinner/Latke Party/Havdalah Service/Murder Mystery!

On Saturday evening December 4th, we will be having a dinner/latke party in person combined with a Havdalah service and murder mystery. (How is that for an unlikely combination!) The service and mystery will be hybrid, and needless to say, the dinner/latke party will be in-person.. The cost for the latke party is \$10.00 pp for CBJ members and \$15.00 pp for non CBJ members. Reservations will be required, with a limit of 36 in person.

Other events under discussion are a wine tasting with a talk by Rabbi Mills on What makes a wine kosher, T'u B'Shat program, Rosh Chodesh, and a program from the Mikvah in Newton. Sisterhood has also volunteered to host the Oneg for Rabbi Mills' Installation. We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of women in the Rabbinate. Date to be determined.

We would like to thank Rabbi Mills for making herself available and providing us with guidance and inspiration.

Please join Sisterhood. Basic dues are \$25.00. Additional contributions of \$36.00 and \$54.00 are most welcome. Make checks payable to CBJ Sisterhood and send to Cindy Teles, 31 Birch Ave, Plymouth 02360.

The Sisterhood Dues Form for 2021-2022 is on the following pages.

Sisterhood Dues Notice:

For almost 70 years, CBJ Sisterhood has been an essential part of CBJ, providing the link that binds together long-term members with newer members of our congregation. Being part of Sisterhood provides a great way to be introduced to and get to know the members of CBJ. We pray together, study together and, yes, we have fun together.

Sisterhood holds interesting and informative meetings on the first Tuesday of each month; we plan activities for the whole congregation as we celebrate holidays together, and we raise funds for the benefit of our synagogue.

Sisterhood provides support to our young students in the Beit Sefer program by sponsoring our Pizza in the Hut for Sukkot, as well as the annual Chanukah and Purim Parties. Sisterhood provides all of the supplies for the Temple kitchen; sponsors Onegs throughout the year, and helps us all to celebrate the various holidays in the Jewish calendar by providing appropriate holiday foods for the Oneg table.

Sisterhood donates \$2500.00 to the Temple each year!

We can't do it alone. We need your financial support. Please become a member of Sisterhood so we can continue our support of our beloved **CBJ**.

Name _____

Phone _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Email _____

Area of interest _____

Talent you would be willing to share with the group _____

Program suggestions _____

If you prefer to be an inactive member, please indicate that preference here: _____

Dues are a primary source of funds for many projects. Please consider the following levels of contribution when writing your membership check. Even if you can't participate, please join us and support our important programs and activities. Thank you for your generous support.

Basic Membership _____ **\$25.00** **Sarah** _____ **\$36.00** **Rebecca** _____ **\$54.00**

Make your check payable to Beth Jacob Sisterhood and put "Sisterhood Dues" in the Memo line. Please mail to:

Cindy Teles, 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth MA 02360

CBJ BROTHERHOOD DUES NOTICE

Brotherhood members will instantly identify the inimitable humor of Dan Hirschhorn (z'l), from the dues appeal message that he sent out last year.

It happens every year at this time. You atone for your sins....you join Brotherhood! Consider it a mitzvah for yourself and the gift that keeps on giving. Presumptuous...yes. But we do have somewhat of a track record to fall back on. Over the 100 year history of this synagogue, this Brotherhood has established itself as an essential part of this congregation...this community. Our mantra has been: "to do everything we can to help this synagogue grow and flourish....and have fun doing it." But having fun is just a by-product of enjoying what we're doing. We're hoping to get back to that "doing" sooner rather than later. Lest you forget, that "doing" is translated into those "sumptuous" Brotherhood Breakfasts with their intriguing and informative guest speakers. There's the bi-monthly exercise in futility that we call "bowling". There's our Men's "Ribs'N Beer" Seder, our movie nights, our Family Picnic, our Brotherhood Discussion Group, our July 4th Hot Dog Fundraiser, our support of our Sisterhood, and our ongoing support and involvement with the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse.

We also provide $\frac{3}{4}$ of our treasury to this synagogue's general fund. Between our fundraisers and your dues to this "manly" organization, we have been able to contribute \$2,500 in each of the last few years. In addition, CBJ Brotherhood has been the catalyst for providing over \$7,200 in gift cards to the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse. With your help we can hopefully equal, if not do better, this year. We can't do it alone. So, with that in mind, we're asking you to once again become a member of CBJ Brotherhood so that we can continue this much needed help for our beloved CBJ as well as our extended Plymouth community.

NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL # _____

EMAIL _____

AREA OF INTEREST (just staying above ground counts)

Talent that you would be willing to share (THINK!) _____

We're always looking for new ideas to help us grow while helping this synagogue. If you have any new ideas, old ideas, any ideas to help us through this challenging time, we look forward to hearing them. If you prefer being non-participatory....we still welcome and look forward to your membership. We thank you for your generous support

Basic Membership (\$25) _____ Mitzvah Membership (\$36) _____ Big Macher (\$54) _____

Make your check payable to: **CBJ Brotherhood**
Please indicate "Dues Payment" and mail to:
Seth Teles, 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360



Congregation Beth Jacob gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

General Fund (High Holy Day Donations):

Sandy & Hyman Spekman
Alan Shapiro
Marsha Smith
Stanley Levinson

Donations for Rabbi Silverman's Retirement Project:

Jerry & Laura Treppel

Yahrzeit Fund:

- Joshua Cohen - in memory of Dan Hirschhorn
- Allan & Judith Sherman - in memory of Judith's mother, Sylvia Krenis; and Allan's maternal grandparents, Julius & Bessie Putnam
- Fred Wax - in memory of Shawn Heaslip
- Paula & Joe Keller - in memory of Paula's father, Manny Arons
- Deborah Cohen - in memory of her father, Harris Cohen
- Linda & James Hurwitz - in memory of Linda's father, Jack Swartz, and Jim's parents, Kate and Hyman Hurwitz
- Myra Glansberg - in memory of her husband, Ken Glansberg
- Larry & Susan Winokur - in memory of Larry's father, Reuben Winokur

Donation Received in Honor of Franny & Jeff Shelly's 50th Wedding Anniversary:

Jackie & Steve Winokur

Donation Received in Appreciation for Yom Kippur Maftir: Jeffrey Isaacson



The Following Yahrzeits Will be Observed This Month:
(A memorial candle should be lit on the preceding evening.)

November 2021

1 Danella "Penny" Baum	20 Molla B. Jacobson
1 Sidney Shuman	20 Sara Sherman
2 Julius Meltzer	21 Theodore Aaron Greene
6 Joseph Cohen	21 Borris Sackheim
6 Mildred Goldberg	22 Rebecca Lotta Koblantz
6 Minna Matross	23 Alice S. Resnick
6 Louis Resnick	23 Stanley Resnick
6 Rachel Yutan	23 Ruth Righter
6 Edith Zavalcofsky	23 Irving Lawrence Shuman
7 Helen R. Kramer	24 Samuel Matross
8 Bessie Kramer	24 Julius Sepet
8 Kebe Toabe	24 Haim (Carlo) Shamir
9 Morris Russo	24 Elizabeth Van West Sokolow
12 Abraham Goldberg	24 Eleanor Weiss
12 Bertha Goldberg	25 Harry Glassman
12 Celia Starr	26 Harold Ross
13 Albert Shiff	27 Esther Greenspoon
15 Anne Helene Berg	27 Ann Winkler
15 Harris Kaplowitz	28 Frances D. Kaufman
15 William Lashin	28 Melvin Klasky
16 Linda Lamel	28 Max Krenis
17 Albert Lesser	28 Tina Liss
18 Ezra Goldstein	29 Harry Koblantz
18 Saul Padlusk	29 Frieda Roe
19 Bert Kagan	

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

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! Judith Sherman, Editor, "The Pup Tent" and "CBJ Weekly Update"

Recipe for Sweet Potato-Pecan Kugel (for Thanksgivukkah!)



Ingredients:

3 pounds sweet potatoes (about 3 medium)
1 large Granny Smith apple, peeled and grated on the large holes of a box grater
2 Tbsp light brown sugar
3 eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp finely grated orange zest
1 1/2 tsp kosher salt
1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper

For the topping:

4 Tbsp unsalted butter or coconut oil, melted
1 1/2 cups pecans, roughly chopped
1/2 packed cup light brown sugar
3 Tbsp all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp kosher salt

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Prick the sweet potatoes in several places with a fork and place on a large, rimmed baking sheet. Roast until the flesh can be easily pierced with a knife, about 1 hour. Remove from the oven, cut in half to facilitate cooling, and let cool to the touch. Scoop flesh into a large bowl, discarding the skin, and mash well with a potato masher. (This step can be completed up to a day in advance.)

Lower oven temperature to 350 degrees F and grease a 9-inch square baking pan. Combine mashed sweet potato, apple, brown sugar, eggs, flour, orange zest, salt, and pepper in a bowl and mix well. Spread mixture into the prepared baking pan.

Stir together the melted butter, pecans, brown sugar, flour, and salt in a medium bowl. Sprinkle evenly over the kugel. Bake, uncovered, until kugel sets and lightly browns around the edges, 35 to 40 minutes.

This recipe is from **The Jewish Cookbook**, by Leah Koenig (Phaidon Press, 2019)