



## THE PUP TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter  
December, 2021

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### CBJ Calendar of Upcoming Events:

November 28: - Light the First Chanukah Candle

#### **Library Talks about Chanukah by Rabbi Estelle Mills:**

November 30, 4:30-5:30 pm - The Meaning of Chanukah - at the Carver Public Library, 2 Meadowbrook Way, Carver. Open to all - appropriate for all ages

December 1, 7:00-8:00 pm - Rabbi Mills will share the true meaning/history of Chanukah and the traditions of this festival of lights. 35 Seats are available. Registration is required. [Click here to reserve a seat.](#)

December 1, 1:00 pm - Adult Education Book Talk - Meet Jewish Author Raffi Berg, author of Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort (advance reservation required. See Article for details)

December 4 - Chanukah Dinner/Latke Party (in person), combined with Havdalah Service and Murder Mystery (live and via Zoom) - See article for details. RSVPs and payment for dinner required by November 22nd.

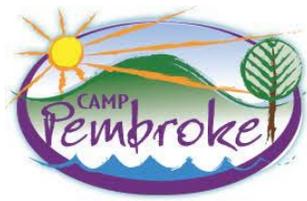
December 10 - 7:00 pm: Shabbat Service and Installation of Rabbi Estelle Mills as CBJ's New Rabbi (with Rabbi Sally Priesand) This service will be conducted both in-person and by Zoom. (See article for details)

December 15, 8:00 pm: Adult Education Book Talk - Meet Jewish Author Tracy Walder, author of The Unexpected Spy: From the CIA to the FBI, My Secret Life Taking Down Some of the World's Most Notorious Terrorists (Advance registration required - See article for details)

December 17, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Services (including the Adult Bar Mitzvah for one of our newest congregants, Stephen Blinder) See the article about Stephen in this newsletter!

**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 was published in the November edition of The Pup Tent. Lexi and Mia Gavins' essays are below.

## **Lexi and Mia Gavins' Essays About Their Experience at Camp Pembroke This Past Summer**

### **Lexi Gavin's Essay:**

Hi, I'm Lexi Gavin and I go to Camp Pembroke, an all-girls Jewish sleep-away camp, located in Pembroke, Massachusetts. This year would've been my 4th year living my summer at Camp Pembroke but it is technically my 3rd year because last year there was Covid-19 so camp wasn't in session at all. This past year was my first time going to camp for 7 weeks because in past years I was there for only 3 ½ weeks. Today, I'm here to tell you about the history of Camp Pembroke.

Eli and Bessie Cohen founded the three Cohen Camps (Camp Pembroke, Camp Tevya, and Camp TelNoar). The three camps were founded between 1935-1945. Since 1935 campers have been entering Camp Pembroke from all around the world such as Massachusetts, Florida, California, the UK, Australia, and even Israel.

Every Friday night Camp Pembroke will gather around the Pine Grove for Shabbat. After that, we will go to Shabbat dinner and enjoy chicken, vegetables, and much more. All camp will then head to the gymnasium for camp songs and Israeli dancing. Every week we will also have a block called "Shira" which is Israeli singing. Also, before and after every single meal, we will say prayers. Every week we will also have one different lesson based on Israel and Israeli cultures and do fun activities to go along with it.

My favorite part about camp is that you have a place where you have a "second home/family". I also love meeting new people in my bunk every single year. Some of my favorite electives are gymnastics, tennis, and much more. I also love waterfront sports on the lake such as paddle-boarding, water trampolines, and water skiing.

If I had to rate camp 1-10 I would rate it 10/10 because like I said it is like a second home/family. The only sad part about it is that I miss my family, friends, and pets.

## Mia Gavin's Essay:

Hi, I'm Mia. This is my 4th year at camp. This year was my first year going full which is 7 weeks. Before I went 3 1/2 weeks.

There are many things we do at camp to include the culture. First, we have a culture block that's about Israel. You learn what people from Israel do on a day-to-day basis. Also, you learn where it is on the map. There's also another block during the week that you have Rukid which is Israeli dancing. It is really fun! The last block during the week for culture is Shira, which is music. We sing lots of songs that we sing on Shabbat. Lastly, every Friday night we have Shabbat at the pine grove. The whole camp goes there celebrates Shabbat. It's a nice spot where everyone can gather and feel connected with one another. We have a nice Shabbat dinner with Chicken, Vegetables, and potatoes usually. Sometimes it's a little different. We usually have some sort of pie for dessert. After we have dinner we will go to the gym and have sing. Which is when Shira sings and the whole camp dances and sings around. It's a really fun experience. On Saturdays, we have a shortened service and you have the day off and do some fun activities during the day. We don't have electives on Saturday because it's a rest day.

Camp is super fun! There are so many things you can do. You get super close to everyone in your bunk and your age group. Everyone is super nice. My favorite part of camp is when we go to the waterfront and can go on the aqua mats and trampoline. You can also go paddle boarding, sailing, water skiing, and paddle boating. Another fun part is when we have a festival like Israeli day. Israel day is when the Isreal counselors teach us about Israel and there are experiences about what they did in the army. Another one is on when 4th of July. They bring all sorts of bouncy houses, water slides, and etc. They also have at least one dessert truck. The past few years was the Kona ice truck. It's a super fun experience and I made tunes of friends that I still keep in touch with without camp.

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I think we can all agree that Lexi and Mia have each written a terrific essay describing how their experience at Camp Pembroke has positively affected their lives. Yasher Koach, Lexi and Mia! 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>

**December 10, 7:00 pm**  
**Shabbat Services and Installation of Rabbi Estelle Mills!**  
**Both In-Person and via Zoom**



Join us on Friday evening, December 10th, at 7:00 pm, for our very special Shabbat service and for the installation of Rabbi Estelle Mills as CBJ's new rabbi. Our guest speaker, Rabbi Sally Priesand, will conduct the ordination ceremony and will tell us about her own personal journey toward becoming a rabbi and how women's leadership has changed the rabbinate and the Jewish community as a whole. [To see the flyer for this event, click here.](#) The evening will conclude with a delicious Oneg, provided by CBJ's Sisterhood. To attend in person, face masks and proof of vaccination will be required. Please RSVP to [info@congregationbethjacob.org](mailto:info@congregationbethjacob.org). If you have any questions, please call 508-746-1575.

**RABBI SALLY J. PRIESAND**

Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, America's first female rabbi, was ordained in June, 1972, by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1981-2006, she served as Rabbi of Monmouth Reform Temple, becoming Rabbi Emerita upon her retirement.

Nationally, she has served on the Executive Board of both the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union for Reform Judaism. She also served as a member of the Board of Governors of HUC-JIR, as President of the Rabbinic Alumni Association, and for three years as editor of the CCAR Newsletter. In 2007, she invited her female rabbinic colleagues of all denominations to join her in donating their professional and personal papers to the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, Ohio, in order to document the history of women in the rabbinate.

Locally, she is President of Interfaith Neighbors, an organization whose primary purpose is to provide rental assistance and support services for the working poor. She is a former member of the Board of the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education (CHHANGE) at Brookdale Community College, an active supporter of the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County and works closely with Planned Parenthood on both the local and national level.

She is the recipient of many awards and honors. The most recent include receiving, in 2009, the Elizabeth Blackwell Award from Hobart and William Smith Colleges and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Cincinnati. In 2010, in honor of its 125th anniversary, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING MAGAZINE named her one of 125 women who changed our lives and our world. In 2013, she was honored by the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education (CHHANGE) at Brookdale Community College at its annual awards dinner. In 2017, the Women of Reform Judaism established the Rabbi Sally J. Priesand WRJ Award to be given annually to a graduating woman on the Cincinnati campus of HUC-JIR.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Rabbi Priesand lives in Ocean Township, New Jersey, with her Boston Terrier Zeke. She is a contributor to many books, the most recent of which is THE SACRED CALLING: FOUR DECADES OF WOMEN IN THE RABBINATE, a winner of the National Jewish Book Award, and she wrote the foreword for THIS JOYOUS SOUL: A NEW VOICE FOR ANCIENT YEARNINGS, a book of poetry and prayer by Alden Solovy. Her hobbies include photography and abstract watercolor.



## 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](http://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\\_nFsbq8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Tx1u5CjP09H1o1o0xUZasj5BXPHDvUfja98V_nFsbq8/edit?usp=sharing)

### Upcoming Programs:

#### **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 spiriting 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](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rdeGpqT4uH9aYWI_LvdB4IRZ7eG8lj-h3)

#### **A Talk with Tracy Walder, author of *The Unexpected Spy: From the CIA to the FBI*,**

## **My Secret Life Taking Down Some of the World's Most Notorious Terrorists** **December 15, 2021 at 8:00 pm**

**About the Author:** Tracy Walder is a former Staff Operations Officer (SOO) at the CIA's Counterterrorism Center and a Special Agent at the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office specializing in Chinese counterintelligence operations. She sits on the Board of Directors for Girl Security, a nonprofit, nonpartisan group that brings national security curriculum to girls in high schools throughout the US. Tracy Walder, a Jewish American woman, was recruited by the CIA out of her sorority at the University of Southern California. On 9/11 she was tracking terrorists with President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell looking over her shoulder. Driven to stop the new breed of terror that war created, Walder picked up her alias identity, flew overseas, and continued the hunt. Walder debriefed al-Qaeda's top men, Jihadists who swore they'd never speak to a woman, particularly an American woman, and earned their trust, thus gaining critical and life-saving information. Walder held clandestine meetings in clandestine locales with spies and embedded civilians from other countries. She followed the trails she found across North Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. She would eventually move over to the FBI working in counterintelligence where she faced rampant sexism. *The Unexpected Spy* is a powerful memoir about a woman who made a career in a male-dominated field and what she's taken away from it now that she's no longer in government service. Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpf-2grzgsH9GyRt8LVpJYxAICl7T90gtD>

## **A Talk with Lisa Scottoline, Author of Eternal** **Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 8:00 pm**

**About the Author:** Lisa Scottoline is the New York Times-bestselling author of thirty two novels. She has 30 million copies of her books in print in the United States and has been published in thirty-five countries. Scottoline also writes a weekly column with her daughter for The Philadelphia Inquirer. Lisa has served as President of Mystery Writers of America and has taught a course she developed, "Justice in Fiction" at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, her alma mater. She lives in the Philadelphia area.

**Summary of the Book:** *Eternal* is the culmination of a lifetime of #1 bestseller, Lisa Scottoline's work. She has been researching the Italian Holocaust since her undergraduate days when she took an intimate yearlong seminar at the University of Pennsylvania led by Philip Roth called "The Literature of the Holocaust." She was inspired to write about Fascism and the Holocaust in Italy someday especially as the Italian Holocaust remains untold in popular fiction. Elisabetta, Marco, and Sandro grow up as the best of friends despite their differences. Elisabetta dreams of becoming a novelist; Marco the brash and athletic son in a family of professional cyclists; and Sandro a kind-hearted Jewish mathematics prodigy. Their friendship blossoms to love, with both Sandro and Marco hoping to win Elisabetta's heart. As anti-Semitism takes legal root and World War II erupts, they realize Mussolini was only the beginning. The Nazis invade Rome, and with their occupation come new atrocities against the city's Jews, culminating in a final, horrific betrayal. *Eternal* is a heartbreaking story of both the best and the worst that the world has to offer. Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtcOyhrD4pEtYJZtKnFs66D3RLUPnUqj8J>

## 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](mailto:snobuntng@aol.com)  
[Click here for a link to CBJ's Application Form.](#)

### Meet One of our Newest Congregants: Stephen Blinder



Stephen, who became a member of CBJ in August of this year, has been studying for his adult Bar Mitzvah with Rabbi Mills and will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 17th (Mazel Tov!) At the age of 21, he is an accomplished musician, writer, political activist, and full-time mensch, who any mother would be happy to claim as her own!) On his website, (<https://www.stephenblinder.com/>) Stephen describes himself, as follows:

*Throughout my life, I've dedicated myself to a straightforward cause: making a difference in my community, no matter how small or large the effort. Whether it's been with mallets in hand performing in concert halls, founding a tennis tournament to benefit a local charity, or on the streets of Connecticut advocating for a more representative democracy, I know that one person can have a tremendous impact. Now 21 years old, I've never been more committed to that mission and never more confident in our ability to effect meaningful change, one person at a time.*

Stephen began performing on marimba, vibraphone and steel drum, dating back to his first concerts at age 9. Since then, he has performed at notable venues including Ives Concert Park, Webster Bank Arena, The Colony Club NYC, Inn at Longshore, University of Delaware, Clune Center and a special taping for the hit NBC show America's Got Talent. Click on the link below to hear two tracks that Stephen has recorded (Boogie Wonderland by Earth, Wind & Fire and My Cherie Amour by Stevie Wonder (arranged by Stephen Blinder, with Stephen Blinder on vocals [great voice!]), <https://www.stephenblinder.com/music>

So yes, Stephen is a man of many talents - even at his young age! But what endears him to me the most is his moral center, his ethical core, his youthful optimism at a time when the news is full of messages of impending doom from climate change, the pandemic, racial injustice and political corruption. **One letter to the editor of the Winton, Connecticut newspaper, dated May 27, 2020, stands out in my mind.** I am publishing the full text here so that you will get a better idea of who Stephen Blinder is and why CBJ is so fortunate to have him as a member of our community. Yes, I could have given you a link to this, but human nature being what it is, I recognize that we are all busy people and even though we may intend to return to this article and download the link, we could forget or not have the time to do that. And this is too wonderful to miss!

*Letter to the Editor:*

*Those who know me best understand that I always take an optimistic view of life's unexpected turns. When I was four and decided to surprise my parents with a new DIY haircut, I looked in the mirror and told myself the resulting bald spots made me look more mature. When I was in middle school and came to realize that my dream of being the next Shaquille O'Neal probably wasn't the most realistic given my mere 5' 2" stature at the time, I told myself I could be the next Lebron James (somehow thinking 6' 9" was infinitely more achievable than 7' 1").*

*But lately, it's taken a conscious effort to remain positive and not enter a negative spiral as we continue to witness the devastating impacts of this pandemic at home and abroad. From the countless lives lost to the many struggling without work, times are trying to say the least. The situation has brought further into stark relief unresolved social issues from racial injustice to socioeconomic disparities in health care. All-in-all, staying calm and level-headed has never been more difficult. We are all unsure of what lies ahead in the future, no less tomorrow.*

*It is in these moments when we must turn to the glimmers of hope across our community. While acts of kindness and care do not erase the pain so many feel, nor bring back those we've lost, they remind us that even in dark times there are many among us who inspire and lead us positively forward. Too often we read the papers or watch the nightly news and gravitate toward the negative headlines. Admittedly, I'm guilty of allowing those headlines to catch my eye and of bringing up the latest COVID-19 numbers or unemployment figures in conversation, but then I catch myself. I'm quickly reminded of the heroic first responders who risk their lives to help the sick, the countless students who volunteer to deliver food to the needy, and the families who pull together whatever resources they can spare to contribute to others. These people refuse to be defined by political affiliation or any other dividing label or ideology. Instead of finding reasons to disagree, they find reason to unify. This isn't just a story of Wilton, but of our country and world. People are stepping up to meet today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.*

*There will be a time when we return to a normal, albeit a "normal" we may not recognize. Until then, we must be grateful for what we have and continue to provide hope to the discouraged, aid to the needy, friendship to the lonely and, perhaps most importantly, love and compassion to all. Now more than ever, we must remind ourselves that while we may disagree passionately on politics, sports, and yes, whether or not "Tiger King" is really all that, the situation we find ourselves in transcends those feelings. There is so much more we have in common than not. That which we share as human beings can and should pull us together, not apart. Saving lives has no party affiliation, making others feel better about themselves has no other agenda behind it. Supporting our children's future is neither a Democratic nor Republican principle. This is a time to be concerned about others, as well as ourselves, and to be optimistic about the good that can come out of the current crisis if we unify.*

*Throughout this period, I've found time each night to read before bed. Last week it was Orwell and this week Shakespeare. Interestingly enough, Shakespeare lived through a pandemic of his own with the bubonic plague. Perhaps we should draw inspiration from his famous line in All's Well That Ends Well, "Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none."*

*We will overcome this together, as one global community stronger for having come through the pandemic. Maybe this is the relentless optimist in me, but my hope is that we also overcome this with a renewed sense of togetherness and an understanding that Lincoln so famously addressed in his first inaugural address. "Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection."*

*Wishing you continued health and happiness, Stephen M. Blinder*

See more about Stephen on his website (<https://www.stephenblinder.com/>) Each of the photos expands into detailed information when you click on it.

## 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 has 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](mailto:lswinokur1@gmail.com)

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

### **Beit Sefer (Hebrew School News)**



Under the very able direction of Rabbi Mills and School Principal, Devon Fernald, this year's CBJ's Beit Sefer program opened in October, with well-planned and memorable classes about Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Currently, there are 16 students enrolled in our Beit Sefer program. The curriculum this year is focussing on Jewish Values and Beliefs, and our students have been learning about the importance of tzedakah, our relationship to God, and the Jewish perspective of Heaven. Classes were conducted outdoors during the month of October while our synagogue building was closed, but, just in time for the arrival of colder weather, we have been able to conduct Sunday classes inside once again since the building was reopened in November. Beit Sefer classes will utilize both in-person class meetings, as well as Zoom sessions based on the outstanding Shalom Learning on-line learning program that we used last year. See CBJ's Facebook page for photographs and descriptions of what our students have been learning. It's impressive! [More information is also found on the CBJ website. Click here!](#)



## **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.

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

On Saturday evening December 4th, Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Beit Sefer have planned a very special event to celebrate Chanukah. While the deadline for RSVPs for in-person attendance at the dinner/latke party has already passed, everyone is invited to attend the other parts of this day's program.

4:00 pm: Family Program in Sanctuary  
4:45 pm: Shir David Concert in Sanctuary  
5:30 pm: Chanukiah lighting on front lawn  
7:00 pm: Murder Mystery (live and on Zoom)

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 on December 10th, when we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of women in the Rabbinate.

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.

### **An Appeal for New Leadership!**

As many of you already know, Suzanne Goldberg, our tireless leader for many years, will be spending the winter months in Florida and will be leaving in December. Although her plans are indefinite at this point and she may return to Massachusetts in mid-May, Suzanne may ultimately decide to make Florida her permanent home. She has asked Sisterhood members to please step up and take over the responsibility for conducting one or more of Sisterhood's programs, with help from Cindy Teles and Rose Litchman, and, of course, from Rabbi Mills.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

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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:  
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Congregation Beth Jacob gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

**General Fund:**

Alan Shapiro (In appreciation to CBJ)

**Yahrzeit Fund:**

- Pamela & Paul Sechoka - in memory of Pamela's mother, Mildred Goldberg
- Jerry & Laura Treppel - in memory of Jerry's sister, Linda Lamel
- Paula & Joe Keller - in memory of Josh Markell

**Food Bank:**

Linda & Jim Hurwitz

**Rabbi Silverman's Retirement Project:**

Linda Myer

In addition, CBJ gratefully acknowledges the following distributions:

From the Sadye Sherman Gereboff Fund: A generous donation to support our Beit Sefer

From the Rose Sherman Geller Fund: A generous donation for the stipend to Sally Priesand, our speaker at the installation of Rabbi Mills.



**ANECDOTES ON JUSTICE LOUIS BRANDEIS AND HIS RESPONSES TO ANTI-SEMITISM**

Louis Brandeis graduated from the Harvard Law School at age 20 with the highest grade point average in that school's history and, after other academic triumphs, was appointed Supreme Court justice. When Brandeis was studying law at Harvard, an anti-semitic professor by the name of Peters always displayed animosity towards him. One day Prof. Peters was having lunch at the University dining room when Brandeis came along with his tray and sat next to him. The professor said, "Mr. Brandeis you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat. Brandeis looked at him and calmly replied, "Don't worry, professor. I'll fly away," and he went and sat at another table.

Peters decided to take revenge on the next test paper, but Brandeis responded brilliantly to all questions. Unhappy and frustrated, Peters asked him the following question: "Mr Brandeis, if you were walking down the street and found a package, a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money, which one would you take?" Without hesitating, Brandeis responded, "The one with the money, of course." Peters, smiling sarcastically, said, "Just like a Jew. Unlike you I would have taken the wisdom." Brandeis shrugged indifferently and responded, "Each one takes what he doesn't have."

Prof. Peters' hate for the Jewish student came to a finale when he scribbled on his student's final exam the word "idiot" and handed it back to him. A few minutes later, Louis Brandeis got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone, "Prof. Peters, you autographed the exam sheet, but you did not give me a grade..." (This was published by the Louis D. Brandeis Law Society, September 1, 2016 (fact-checked by snopes.com))



**The Following Yahrzeits Will be Observed This Month:**

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

**December 2021**

1 Harold Michael Resnick	19 Albert Keil
1 Aba Taub	20 Rhoda Burstein
2 Sylvia Righter	20 Louis Sherman
3 Albert (Al) Sarke	21 Elaine Winter Brown
3 Marion Shuman	21 Kay Hodosh Falstein
5 Israel Edward Ginsburg	21 Ruth Ross
5 Max Penn	22 Samuel Gereboff
6 Nathan Hirschhorn	23 Helen Evans
8 Evelyn Abramson	23 Jacob Joseph Fortunow
9 Henry Manuel Kesselman	23 Adeline Winokur
9 Max Winter	26 Ronald Goldberg
10 Anna B. Toabe	26 Paula Lesser
11 Florence Dezoirett	26 Anne Nigrosh
11 Stanley Guttman	27 Isadore Albert
12 Abraham C. Goldman	27 Edith Beatrice Kagan
14 Samuel Arons	27 Pauline Resnick
14 Louis Coffman	28 Hyman Addis
14 Edwin Goldberg	28 Jessica Pershing Strauss
14 Jacob Steinberg	30 Shirley Lubin
17 Frank Kabelsky	30 Bessie Skulsky
18 William Smick	31 Hyman J. Aranowitz

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

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## Recipe for German Apple Cake



Prep. time: 15 minutes

Baking time: 50-55 minutes

Serves: 15-18

### Ingredients

4 Cups peeled, diced apples (about 4 large)

2 Cups sugar

1 Cup oil (canola)

2 eggs

1 tsp. Vanilla extract

2 Cups flour

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

2 tsp Cinnamon

1/2 Cup chopped nuts, walnuts or pecans or your favorite (optional)

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 9x13 pan and set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine the sugar, oil, eggs and VANILLA. Add the flour, baking soda, salt and CINNAMON and mix well. Stir in the apples and nuts by hand. The batter will be very thick. Spoon into the pan, smooth the top with a spoon, and bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes.

### Nutritional Information:

Servings 15; Serving Size 1 piece (124g); Calories 350; Calories from fat 160; Total fat 18g; Cholesterol 15mg; Sodium 115mg; Carbohydrate 48g; Dietary Fiber 2g; Sugars 33g; Protein 3g.