



## THE TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter

June, 2022

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### CBJ Calendar of Upcoming Events:

May 27, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Service (in person and via Zoom). Members of the Kusmin family will be participating in this service in honor of Sadie's becoming a Bat Mitzvah

May 28, 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service when Sadie Kusmin will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

May 30, 8:30 am: No Limud Torah Study with Rabbi Emeritus Lawrence Silverman (Memorial Day)

June 1, 12:00-1:00 pm: Counting the Omer Study. Topic: Havdalah

June 1, 4:30 pm: Introduction to Judaism Class (hybrid) Planned Topic: Prayer and Ritual

**June 3, 6:30 pm: Yizkor Service (with dedication of memorial plaques for Melvin Klasky and Dan Hirschhon)**

**June 3, 7:00 pm: Shavuot and Shabbat Service (in person and via Zoom) - Ice cream oneg following services**

**June 4, starting at 8:00 pm-3:00 am; resuming on June 5. 9:00 am - 11:00 - Shavuot Collaborative Program Tikkun L'eil Shavuot - Free around the clock 1-hour study sessions (See article for details!)**

June 6, 8:30 am: Limud Torah with Rabbi Emeritus Lawrence Silverman

June 8, 4:30 pm: Introduction to Judaism Class (hybrid) Topic: Sin, Atonement, Afterlife

June 10, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Service

June 13, 8:30 am: Limud Torah with Rabbi Emeritus Lawrence Silverman

June 15, 4:30 pm: Introduction to Judaism Class (hybrid) Topic: Views on Contemporary Issues

**June 17, 7:00 pm: Volunteer Recognition Shabbat Service (in person and via Zoom)**

June 20, 8:30 am: Limud Torah with Rabbi Emeritus Lawrence Silverman

June 22, 4:30 pm: Introduction to Judaism Class (hybrid): Topic: Wrapping Things Up - Questions and Answers

**June 24, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Service (in person at the Pinehills Amphitheater and via Zoom); Participants are invited to arrive at 6:00 pm with a basket dinner (or order pizza from Mama Mias or food from another nearby restaurant) for a picnic prior to services. Bring lawn chairs. There will be a special oneg following the service.**

June 27, 8:30 am: Limud Torah with Rabbi Emeritus Lawrence Silverman

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

[To see the complete CBJ Calendar on our website, click here.](#)



### Counting the Omer Study

The weeks between Passover and Shavuot are called the period of the Counting of the Omer and are traditionally observed with, among other things, a topic of study. For this year's Omer study, we will be meeting weekly on Wednesdays from noon to one pm to learn about Jewish Rituals and examine various elements of Jewish life. The classes will be taught by teams of Rabbis from small congregations around the county. The schedule and topics are below. [To see the flier, click here.](#)

To participate in these classes, click on the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84215861002?pwd=cGdlVUR5OFVnYkF5cCtacGZDRWRDQT09#success>

Zoom Meeting ID:842 1586 1002; Password: 364595

<b>Week 1: candle lighting</b>	<b>4/20</b>
<b>Week 2: Tzitzit</b>	<b>4/27</b>
<b>Week 3: Mikveh</b>	<b>5/4</b>
<b>Week 4: reading of Torah with Aliyah</b>	<b>5/11</b>
<b>Week 5: Brit Milah (and welcoming rituals)</b>	<b>5/18</b>
<b>Week 6: observance of Yahrzeit</b>	<b>5/25</b>
<b>Week 7: Havdalah</b>	<b>6/1</b>

### If You Missed Any of These Sessions...

You may watch the video recordings for each of these classes on YouTube. Click on the link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6p2\\_0nGOpy631NswEpxsFEZzqS5Mcyew](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6p2_0nGOpy631NswEpxsFEZzqS5Mcyew)

### The Modern Day Way to Observe the Counting of the Omer



For 7 weeks following the second day of Passover, leading up to the giving of the Torah to Moses on Shavuot, we measure each day by counting the Omer. When there was a Temple in Jerusalem, the custom was to bring sheaves of grain each day to the Temple, to be counted. Although in modern times we no longer gather sheaves of grain to be counted for this observance, **Rabbi Mills has asked our congregants to bring boxes of wheat, oat or barley cereal to the temple on Sunday mornings or Wednesday afternoons. You may also drop them off at Seth and Cindy Teles' home (31 Birch Avenue in Plymouth.) We hope to collect 50 boxes of cereal in total. For each day of the Omer, we will count the boxes of cereal and then donate them to a local Food Pantry.**

See the flier on the next page.

# COUNT THE OMER BY DONATING BOXES OF WHEAT, OAT, OR BARLEY CEREAL



**HELP US REACH  
50 CEREAL BOXES  
TO DONATE TO A  
LOCAL FOOD  
PANTRY**

**DROP OFF FROM  
END OF PASSOVER  
UNTIL THE END OF  
SHAVUOT:  
SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

THE OMER, AN ANCIENT HEBREW MEASURE OF GRAIN , WAS BROUGHT TO THE TEMPLE DAILY FROM THE SECOND NIGHT OF PASSOVER UNTIL SHAVOUT-- 50 DAYS LATER. WE COUNT THE FIFTY DAYS EACH YEAR AWAITING THE CELEBRATION OF SHAVUOT AND GOD GIVING US THE TORAH  
DROP OFF AT TEMPLE OR AT THE TELLES' HOME

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# What You Need To Know About Shavuot

June 4 - June 5, 2022



The holiday celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai as well as the grain harvest for the summer. In biblical times, Shavuot was one of three pilgrimage festivals in which all the Jewish men would go to Jerusalem and bring their first fruits as offerings to God.

The festival of Shavuot also encourages us to embrace the Torah's teachings and be inspired by the wisdom Jewish tradition has to offer.

Shavuot is the Hebrew word for "weeks," and the holiday occurs seven weeks after Passover. Shavuot, like many other Jewish holidays, began as an ancient agricultural festival that marked the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. In ancient times, Shavuot was a pilgrimage festival during which Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, it is a celebration of Torah, education, and the choice to participate actively in Jewish life.

Customarily, the Book of Ruth, part of the section of the Bible known as Writings, is read during services on Shavuot. Ruth was a young Moabite woman who married an Israelite man. When her husband died, she followed her mother-in-law, Naomi, back to Israel and adopted the Jewish faith and people as her own. To feed herself and Naomi, she gleaned in the field of Boaz, a rich man. Boaz is taken with her, and eventually they marry. Among their descendants is the famed King David.

The theme of Ruth's conversion to Judaism is central to this story. In Ruth 1:16–17, she states:

Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. Thus and more may God do to me if anything but death parts me from you.

Ruth is often considered to be the archetype of all who choose to convert to Judaism – accepting the Torah, just as Jews accepted the Torah at Mount Sinai – and this passage is generally understood as her conversion statement.

IT'S **TORAH** O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Join friends from across  
the US for a night of Torah Study  
in celebration of Shavuot.

Saturday, June 4 - Sunday, June 5

8:00 pm ET - 8:00 am PT

*free* | registration required

**TIKKUN LEIL**<sup>5782</sup>  
**SHAVUOT**

developed as a collaborative project of small URJ congregations

**Very Special Adult Education Program for Shavuot!**

**Don't Miss This!**

**Shavuot Collaborative Program Tikkun L'eil Shavuot**

**Free around the clock study sessions Saturday, June 4-June 5**

Congregation Beth Jacob is participating with a coalition of URJ small congregations in a special Tikkun L'eil Shavuot program to celebrate Shavuot. The program will take place on Saturday June 4th to Sunday June 5th with 28 free study sessions - in one-hour blocks - offered.

We are taught that Moses received the Torah at Mount Sinai on Shavuot. And the mystics encouraged us to make use of this opportunity by studying with one another. That is the essence of Tikkun Leil Shavuot. You are invited to register for free and choose from the variety of courses offered that evening and early the next morning.

Engaging in text study, connecting with Israel, modern politics, and discussing Jewish themes in films are just a few of the many topics that will be offered. Throughout the evening, there are numerous classes to select from.

Simply click the link below to peruse the classes, register your name, and you will receive a document with all of the links necessary to participate in the free Zoom classes that evening.

<https://sinireno.org/2022/05/11/tikkun-leil-shavuot-5782/>



**Women Reform Rabbis Network Virtual Speaker Series  
Thursday, June 2nd, 7:30 pm ET**

**WRN's 50th Anniversary Celebration of Rabbi Sally J. Priesand's Ordination**

**Click here to register and receive Zoom link**

**<https://www.womensrabbinicnetwork.org/journeyto50speakers>**

**To see YouTube videos for previous sessions:**

On the Front Lines: Jewish Women Seeking Justice

**[YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjAX5ocnyi0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjAX5ocnyi0)**

Do We Now Take Women Rabbis for Granted? The Promise and Reality of Rabbi Sally  
J. Priesand's Ordination 50 Years Ago

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hbYrxzOOqE>**

From Our Lips to God's Ears: Jewish Women Shaping the Way We Pray, Learn, and  
Mark Sacred Moments

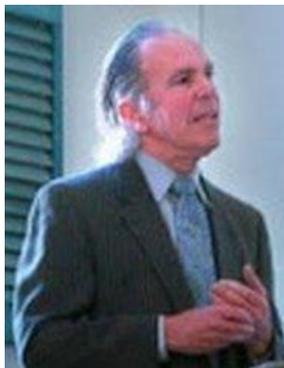
**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAqbSKFzyTI>**

Paving the Path Ahead: Creativity and Innovation

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

The link to access all past programs:

**<https://www.womensrabbinicnetwork.org/journeyto50speakers>**



**Limud Torah/Torah Study Group  
with Rabbi Emeritus Lawrence Silverman**

Monday mornings, from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

All are Welcome!

To join the Zoom Meeting, click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2947234661?pwd=RVFTQmFFYXBVWHRJQ3RkeDhjTVptZz09>

Meeting ID: 294 723 4661, Passcode: 720299



**Introduction to Judaism Class  
Wednesdays at 4:30 pm**

**Each Class is Self-Contained, and  
Congregants Are Encouraged to Drop In! Please Join Us!  
The Next Class Will Be On June 1st!**

This Introduction to Judaism class is being taught by Rabbi Mills, in-person and via Zoom. The class has been meeting on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm. Originally conceived as a class for converts to Judaism, it is also ideal for congregants who want a comprehensive overview of their Jewish faith, rituals, beliefs, and history. Attendance is free of charge for congregants.

For more information, please send an email to Rabbi Mills at [cbjplymouthrabbi@gmail.com](mailto:cbjplymouthrabbi@gmail.com).

Upcoming topics to be discussed include:

- Sin, Atonement, Afterlife
- Views on Contemporary Issue
- Wrapping Things Up - Questions and Answers

The Zoom link to attend this class is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86287279836?pwd=N2pob3ViSk1QU0x5citraE5Pa0Rndz09>

Meeting ID: 862 8727 9836

Passcode: 18361836

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



### CBJ Warmly Welcomes Our Newest Members!

Lydia and Barry Patterson  
1661 State Road, Plymouth

If you would like to learn more about CBJ and are interested in becoming part of our Jewish community, please contact our new Membership Chair, Barbara Aharoni, at [ahabubs@gmail.com](mailto:ahabubs@gmail.com). [Click here for a link to CBJ's Application Form.](#)

## SISTERHOOD NEWS



### Sisterhood's Mother's Day Diaper Drive We Did It!

When I was growing up, the highest praise that my Bubbie would bestow on a person was that they were "a *gutte neshuma*." That's Yiddish for a person with a good soul.

As its ongoing tzedakah project, Sisterhood has been donating diapers, wipes, Desitin cream, and baby shampoo to the South Shore Action Council (SSAC) on Obery Street. This year, to coincide with Mothers' Day, Sisterhood asked members to donate money in honor of or in memory of a special woman in their lives. The funds that were collected were given directly to the SSAC, which enabled them to purchase diapers in the sizes that are most needed.

We had hoped to be able to donate \$500, and we are happy to announce that we exceeded that goal, raising \$900! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project so successful! You are all "gutte neshumas!"

If you wish to continue contributing to this project, we would welcome donations of diapers and other baby care products once the synagogue is fully opened, or you may make a financial contribution. You don't need to contribute a lot in order to help. \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$20.00 will help. Coupons also help! Send a check to CBJ SISTERHOOD c/o Sherri Sore, 63 Seacliff Dr., Plymouth 02360. Thank you for everything that you do!



HINENI (Here I Am)

Rides to medical appointments are available once again to congregants who need them through our Hineni Project. Please contact our Hineni Coordinator, Ed Sore, to make the necessary arrangements. Email: [esoreproducts@gmail.com](mailto:esoreproducts@gmail.com) or call him at 774-338-5209



## **To Members of our Congregation Who Have Stepped Up to Fill Vacancies on the Board**

CBJ is grateful to Barbara Aharoni, who has volunteered to take over the position of Membership Chair after Rose Litchman's move from Plymouth. Barbara's love of CBJ and the Town of Plymouth, together with her energy, enthusiasm and outgoing personality, make her the perfect person to assume this very important position.

We are also grateful to Julie Manus, who has taken over the position of Recording Secretary. After having served in this position for many long years, Paula Keller has stepped down from this position and has been appointed as a Board Member at Large.

We also welcome Lane Goldberg to the Board as a Board Member at Large. Lane has been an active participant in our Beit Sefer program for several years. His perspective and energy will be a valuable contribution to the future growth of CBJ.

## **THE CBJ GIFT CARD PROGRAM**



### **Why You Should Support the Gift Card Program**

CBJ's Gift Card Program continues to be one of the few ways that our synagogue can raise funds at this time. You can help CBJ by purchasing our Gift Cards and using them at supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, restaurants and national retailers that you already patronize. These businesses donate a certain percentage of the cards' purchase price to CBJ, anywhere from 5-18%, which greatly benefits our temple and does not cost you anything. Who does not shop at Stop & Shop, Shaws, or Big Y? Who does not purchase prescriptions, toiletries and over the counter medications from CVS or Walgreens? Do you go to Panera, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Ninety Nine, Texas Roadhouse? Do you shop online on Amazon or in-store at Macy's? The list is long. Please contact our Gift Card Coordinator, Ed Sore, at 774-338-5209 or by email at [esoreproducts@gmail.com](mailto:esoreproducts@gmail.com) to tell him what you need. You can either send your payment to him by mail or attach it to your door for him to pick up when he delivers your gift cards. Ed plans to be at CBJ on Sunday mornings when Beit Sefer is in session. Checks can be made out to Congregation Beth Jacob and mailed to:

Ed Sore, 63 Seacliff Drive, Plymouth, MA 02360.

### **What Cards Do We Carry?**

**Supermarkets** - Stop and Shop, Shaws, The Market at Pinehills, Big Y.

**Gas Stations**- Speedway, Exxon, Mobil,

**Pharmacies:** CVS, Walgreens and Rite Aid **(You can pay for prescriptions using CBJ gift cards!)**

**Restaurants:** Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Texas Roadhouse, Bertuccis, Chilis, 99 and many more.

**Department Stores-** Walmart, TJ MAXX, Marshalls, Macys, Home Goods, Dicks Sporting Goods, Kohl's, Bed Bath and Beyond, Michaels, Amazon, plus 400 additional retailers. [Check out this link to get a partial listing.](#)

Thank  
You!

Congregation Beth Jacob gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

**Yahrzeit Fund:**

Arthur Shaw - in memory of Mel Klasky

**Sisterhood Diaper Drive:**

- Barbara Aharoni
- Judith and Allan Sherman, in memory of their mothers, Sylvia Krenis and Ruth Putnam Sherman
- Our Beit Sefer families (The photo below shows part of the huge haul of diapers that they donated.)
- Susan Moore
- Susan Basiri
- Rhonda John
- Barbara Baron
- Ronnie Hirschhorn
- Cindy Teles
- Jesilyn Isabelle



**Are You Interested in Joining a Tour to Israel in March, 2023?  
If at all interested, please respond by June 1st!**



Are you ready to start traveling again? Now is the perfect time to take the trip to Israel that you may have been considering! Do not put it off any longer. Israel is a must-visit destination for those connected to Judaism of any age. Whether a first visit, or a return visit, there is so much to see and do, and for Jews, it is truly a unique feeling and unlike traveling anywhere else.

Rabbi Mills is hoping to lead a trip to the Jewish homeland at the beginning of March 2023! The itinerary and focus will be based on who is interested: a family trip with a chance for young people to celebrate a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in the holy land (in addition to their event at the congregation), a trip geared to empty-nesters and seniors, or a combination that allows multi-generations to enjoy the Holy Land together.

If you have any interest at all and want to explore this possibility, please email Rabbi Mills at [cbjplymouthrabbi@gmail.com](mailto:cbjplymouthrabbi@gmail.com) by **June 1st**. **Expressing interest does not commit you in any way.**

As we say at Passover, "*B'shana ha'ba'ah b'yerushaliyim*- Next year in Jerusalem!"

**Congratulations and Mazel Tov to Sadie Kusmin  
On Her Becoming a Bat Mitzvah!**



The congregation celebrated Sadie Kusmin's being called to the Torah on Saturday, May 28th, as she became a Bar Mitzvah! Mazel Tov to her parents, Jeremy and Ethan Kusmin; her proud grandparents, Judy and Andrew Kusmin and Ronnie Hirschhorn, and her sister, Maggie!



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

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

**June, 2022**

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 Rebecca Frim          | 18 William Mitchell Jr.    |
| 2 Lawrence Geller       | 20 Dora G. Bell            |
| 2 Ada Greenberg         | 20 Ruth Cohen              |
| 2 Ralph Holler          | 20 Nathan Lury             |
| 2 Bessie A. Resnick     | 20 Jacob William Yutan     |
| 3 Rae Baron             | 21 Hattie Resnick Waterman |
| 3 Rose Sherman Geller   | 22 Jack Gurwitch           |
| 5 Minnie E. Kaplan      | 23 Rachel Resnick          |
| 8 Solomon Bromberg      | 24 Leon Bromberg           |
| 8 Ralph Jacob Resnick   | 24 Sara Skulsky            |
| 12 Benjamin Bailey      | 25 Myer "Mike" Starr       |
| 12 Esther Isaacson      | 26 Ruth Putnam Sherman     |
| 12 Jean T. Romanow      | 27 Frances Taub            |
| 13 Walter Kilimnik      | 28 Louis Koplun            |
| 17 Edith Lipetz         | 29 Esther Ruth Keil        |
| 17 Joseph W. Swartz     | 29 Zelda Selya Silverman   |
| 18 Hyman David Koblantz |                            |

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

## Beit Sefer News

Beit Sefer will end its school year at the beginning of June, after having experienced so many new and creative classes that brought to life the essential meaning of Jewish practices and beliefs. During the challenges that Covid presented, when it was essential to meet out of doors to reduce the likelihood of infection, our Hebrew School students learned about Sukkot by finding their way through a maze in a cornfield. They learned about tzedakah by making bundles of Purim treats and delivering the packages to all of our congregants. They were taught that we are all created in God's image and that we must respect everyone, regardless of their race, country of origin, gender or religion. They learned through the ingenious use of adorable hand puppets, through art projects, through associations between the mundane (different kinds of candies) and the holy (messages in the Torah.) At their May 2nd class, our students learned about the State of Israel in a most creative and delicious way - by filling in a huge map of Israel by using cupcakes (288 in total - all baked by our Rabbi!), color coded by Region or geography. (the Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee- blue frosting, the coastal region- green frosting, the Negev- brown (chocolate) frosting, the west bank- purple frosting, and of course, gold frosting for Jerusalem- the City of Gold) after playing a game to learn about each place/region and what was in it. The huge cupcake map spanning several tables in the social hall was covered very well with Saran Wrap and was uncovered to be eaten as part of the Oneg Shabbat for the following Friday's Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat Service.

The photos below show the bare outline of the map of Israel, our students frosting the cupcakes, and the finished project.

[To see the full array of photos for this project, click here.](#)





A new energy is reflected in our curriculum, as realized by the leadership of Rabbi Mills, our Beit Sefer Principal, Devon Fernald, and the participation of our young Beit Sefer families.

Our students are receiving the tools and training that they need well ahead of their appointed dates for their Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies, as learning to read Hebrew and to recite the prayers for our Shabbat services have become a part of the curriculum much earlier than it ever was before.

Through the support of the Winokur Fund and the Rose Sherman Geller Fund, our Hebrew School students have been offered the opportunity to attend Jewish Summer Camps, where Jewish values are reinforced and lifelong friendships are forged.

The future for our Beit Sefer program looks very bright indeed! Thank you to Rabbi Mills, our Beit Sefer staff, our Beit Sefer parents and students who have worked hard to make this happen.

## Recipe for Deluxe Noodle Kugel

Recipe by Tina Wasserman (URJ Website)

Eating dairy foods instead of meat to celebrate the holiday is the most prevalent Shavuot food association. Joan Nathan once ran this recipe in her New York Times column one year, and, as a result, Tina received many emails thanking her for sharing this recipe.

Rich, creamy, and utterly delicious, a kugel in a 13 × 9-inch baking pan should serve 25 people. However, one reader said she made two kugels for 15 people and almost all of it was gone!

### INGREDIENTS

#### KUGEL

1/2 pound medium or extra-wide noodles (see note below)

1 pound cream cheese

1/2 pound unsalted butter

1 cup sugar

1 pint sour cream

1 teaspoon vanilla

8 eggs

1 small can mandarin oranges, drained

1 small can crushed pineapple, drained

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#### TOPPING

4 ounces walnuts

1/3 cup sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

2 tablespoons butter

### DIRECTIONS

Cook the noodles according to package directions. Drain and place in a 4-quart bowl.

Combine the cream cheese and butter in a processor work bowl and blend until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the work bowl. Add the sugar and process until well combined. Add the sour cream, vanilla, and eggs and process until well mixed. Pour into the 4-quart bowl with the noodles.

Stir the fruits in by hand, and pour the mixture into a buttered 13 × 9-inch baking dish. The mixture will almost overflow. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

When ready to bake, uncover and place in a preheated 350°F oven and bake for 50 minutes.

Combine the walnuts with the sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle on top of the kugel. Dot with the 2 tablespoons of butter and bake for 15 minutes more. Serve warm or at room temperature.

This could be made totally in advance, but it won't be as light.

#### Additional Notes

Large noodles will be more visible in this kugel but will provide a more cheesecake-like consistency in some areas. Medium noodles will be distributed more uniformly. Either way this is delicious.

The easiest way to dot butter is to freeze a stick of butter and then grate it over the top of your casserole.

Refrigerating the mixture overnight allows the butter and cream cheese to solidify around the eggs and sour cream. This creates a mixture that will trap the air and puff up better when baked.

If you don't want to use nuts, try crushing cornflakes, sprinkling it on top of the kugel, and then dotting it with butter.