



## THE TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter  
December, 2022

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### CBJ Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 2, 7:00 pm: Friday Evening Shabbat Service

December 9, 7:00 pm: Friday Evening Shabbat Service

December 16, 7:00 pm: Friday Evening Shabbat Service

**December 18-25, 5:15 pm: CBJ Menorah Lighting and Hanukkah Celebration (across from Plymouth Rock on the waterfront!) Join us for 8 days of family fun, celebration, and food!**

December 23, 7:00 pm: Friday Evening Shabbat Service

December 30, 7:00 pm: Friday Evening Shabbat Service

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

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



### Limud Torah/Torah Study Group

with Rabbi Emeritus Lawrence Silverman

Most Monday mornings, from 8:30-9:45 am

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

If you have questions about when this class will be meeting, please contact Rabbi Silverman at [rabbilawrence@gmail.com](mailto:rabbilawrence@gmail.com).

# Happy Hanukkah



**CBJ has a brand new, beautiful Menorah!**

**Join us for Our Hanukkah Celebration and Menorah Lighting!  
Come to the Plymouth waterfront with your Family and Friends  
For Candle Lighting, Crafts, Stories, Singing, Fun, and Food!  
8 Nights, Starting December 18th through December 25th  
at 5:15 pm**

[See the flier here!](#)

**Chanukah!**

**December 18 - December 26!**



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>

## 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!



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### CBJ is Growing!

#### Please Welcome Our Newest Members:

Jack & Nora Luftman  
187 Center Hill Road, Plymouth

We are thrilled to welcome Jack and Nora as members of our CBJ family. They moved from New Jersey to Plymouth about a year ago. Many of us already know Jack and Nora, as they have attended Shabbat at the Pond, Selichot on a Boat, and our 2022 High Holy Days services, as well as several of our Friday evening Shabbat services.

Jack is a Senior Analyst for Hospital Information Systems at University Hospital in Newark, NJ. Nora is a retired RN. They are interested in Adult Education, Social Action, Tikkun Olam, and Social Programs. Jack is interested in Ritual matters, and Nora would like to become involved in Sisterhood. Jack enjoys stamp collecting, model trains, Science and Space, and Travel. Nora enjoys cooking, reading, and travel.

Jack and Nora are looking forward to being part of the CBJ community and making Jewish friends.

They have already graciously sponsored the Oneg following our Shabbark Shabbat service on October 28th, in loving memory of their daughter, Hannah. Please come and meet them!

Michelle Tirella Ventura & Andre Ventura  
71 Thoreau Road, Plymouth

Michelle and Andre moved to Plymouth a little over a year ago from the Oakland/Berkeley area of California, where they were active in the Jewish community. Michelle is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and has worked in the Jewish Community for 15 years in the San Francisco area as a religious school teacher to 2nd graders; she has also served as Preschool Director and Director of Educational Services at the Jewish Federation. She enjoys reading, running and writing, as well as education and organizing events. She is interested in participating in Social Action programs, including No Place For Hate, and would like to help with publicity for CBJ.

Andre is the Director of Facilities at Brookdale Senior Living. He plays the drums, enjoys music, dance, art, construction and engineering. His special fields of interest include audio/video/technical, as well as helping with building and grounds.

We look forward to meeting Michelle and Andre and welcoming them, in person, into our CBJ family!

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

## Volunteers Are Needed!



As we all know, “It takes a village” to make an organization successful. There are many opportunities for congregants to lend their talents to the work that it takes to keep our congregation running smoothly. Sisterhood and Brotherhood are still looking for members who are willing to assume leadership positions for the coming year. (Or should CBJ consider combining Sisterhood and Brotherhood into a gender-inclusive adult social group? Let us know your feelings about this possibility!) Please contact our co-Presidents, Ronnie Hirschhorn and Fred Sarke, if you are able to help. [president@cbjplymouth.org](mailto:president@cbjplymouth.org)



## Please Volunteer to Sponsor an Oneg!

Thank You to Barbara Aharoni, who has graciously volunteered to serve as CBJ's Oneg Chair for the coming year. This is one more of the many ways that Barbara has served our congregation over time, and we are grateful for her dedication in helping to sustain our Jewish community, as well as the greater Plymouth area at large.

If you would like to honor a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) in a very special way, please consider sponsoring an Oneg. A beautiful, welcoming Oneg table of challah, fruit, baked goods, or even ice cream sundaes is a sign of our warm hospitality to our congregants, guests, and prospective members. Please contact Barbara at [ahabubs@gmail.com](mailto:ahabubs@gmail.com) to reserve a date! Thank you!



Congregation Beth Jacob is grateful for all donations that are received. The following donations were recently received:

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:**

- Aurora & Gerald Kassalow - in memory of Rabbi Mills' cousin, Sarah Katz
- Rhonda & Jay John - in honor of Arnold Gladstein's 95th Birthday
- Laney Kalaminsky - in memory of her mother, Bea Kalaminsky
- Rhonda & Jay John - in appreciation of the Baby Naming for their grandson, Leo
- Rhonda & Jay John - in memory of Rabbi Mills' mother-in-law, Joyce Mills
- Dianne & David Bluestein - in appreciation to Rabbi Mills for preparing Jesse to become a Bat Mitzvah

**Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life:**

- Carole Jabbawy and Sherman Geller, in honor of the birthday of their mother, Rose Sherman Geller (z'l)

**Yahrzeit/General Fund:**

- Pam & Paul Sechoka - in memory of Pam's mother, Mildred Goldberg
- Franny Shelly - in memory of her father, Philip Liss
- Jonathan Russo - in memory of his mother, Milly Russo
- Debbie Cohen - in memory of her father, Harry Cohen (a past President of CBJ)
- Fred Wax - in memory of his father, Joseph Wax
- Meredith Glansberg - in memory of her father, Ken Glansberg
- Jeff Isaacson - in memory of his mother, Esther
- Susanne Lelyveld Wittenberg - in memory of Mark Lelyveld

**In Appreciation for High Holy Days Services:**

Norman Greenfeld

Carole Goldberg

Elliott & Stacey Berger

Rabbi Sandra & Arnold Bellush

Stanley Levinson

**Sisterhood:**

Susan Basiri - in memory of her mother, Mildred Goldberg



## **A Way to Make a Meaningful and Lasting Contribution**

You may honor a special occasion or make a lasting contribution in memory of a loved one by donating a copy of Mishkan T'filah, our Shabbat and Festival Prayer Book. The price for each book is \$42.00. Bookplates with the acknowledgment of the dedication will be placed inside the front cover of each donated prayer book. For additional information, please contact Rabbi Mills. [cbplymouthrabbi@gmail.com](mailto:cbplymouthrabbi@gmail.com).

If you wish to contribute, please send your check, payable to Congregation Beth Jacob, with "Prayer Book Donation" in the memo line, to:

Congregation Beth Jacob  
P.O. Box 3284  
Plymouth, MA 02361



### 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. Although the Covid pandemic has affected our ability to meet for the past 2 years, Sisterhood is looking forward to being able to resume holding interesting and informative monthly meetings as we celebrate holidays together and raise funds for the benefit of our synagogue.

Sisterhood has provided 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. In addition, as its ongoing tzedakah commitment, Sisterhood supports the Kiva project, an international organization that provides loans for women to open new businesses, purchase livestock to sustain food supplies and become financially independent in countries such as Guatemala, Honduras, Ghana, The Philippines, The Congo, Uganda and Fiji. To learn more about Kiva, click here: <https://www.kiva.org> and <https://www.kiva.org/lend-by-category/women>

#### **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 3 years ago.

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 ¾ 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

## 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?

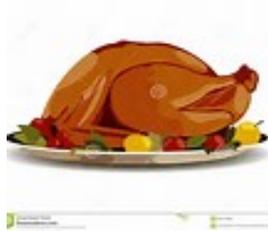
**Supermarkets** - Stop and Shop, Shaws, The Market at Pinehills, Big Y. **(By the way, Rabbi Mills has reported that the Big Y, which is owned by a Jewish family, carries a good supply of Jewish foods and other items, such as Shabbat candles. It's good to know!)**

**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.](#)



## **2022-2023 Holiday Donation Drive for The Food Warehouse**

“The hungry are getting hungrier”. “The South Shore Community Action Council’s Food Resource Program has seen a 35 percent increase in need this year, as the COVID pandemic takes its toll on incomes and pantries.”

This was the first paragraph in an article in the Old Colony Memorial 2 years ago, entitled “SSCAC calls for food drives.” Since that time, the need has increased and the situation has become more urgent. Most...if not all of us are fortunate in not having to rely on the generosity of others to feed our families. With that in mind, as an integral part of Tikkun Olam we must feel the need to once again give when the need is there.

We are at that time of year where we give “Thanks” for the abundance that we continue to acquire and enjoy. However, there are those in our community who don’t have (for a variety of reasons) the bare minimum, much less the luxuries that many of us have come to take for granted. So we are once again asking our CBJ community to show their gratitude and generosity by giving to this worthy cause.

In the past eight years, with your overwhelming generosity, we’ve been able to donate thousands of dollars worth of supermarket gift cards to The Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse. These donations have gone a long way in helping to supplement the efforts of the South Shore Community Action Council to feed those in our Plymouth community who need it most. So whatever you can afford would be much appreciated and once again would prove that Congregation Beth Jacob is a vital and caring part of America’s Hometown.

Please make out your check to “CBJ Brotherhood” with the subject line reading: “Food Donation Drive” and send it to Seth Teles, 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360. Consider it a mitzvah for the New Year. Thank you.

## Rabbi Mills' Message on Lech Lecha - November 4, 2022



Parshat Lech Lecha is the portion in which God speaks to Abraham and tells him lech lecha-leave home, leave all that you know and trust God. God assures Abraham that if he puts his trust in God, God will bless him and his ancestors and make their name great. Although we began reading our Torah over again two weeks ago, the first two Torah portions, Bereshit and Noach, deal with the beginning of all humanity. With Abraham and this week's portion, the Jewish people are born. No denominations, no divisions, the Jewish people as a whole. As we are taught "all Israel is responsible for one another". There have always been differences among Am Yisrael, the Jewish people and yet we have always also believed that we are one people whose genesis was at this moment when God spoke to Abraham, the first Jew, our patriarch. This unity was strengthened at Mount Sinai with the giving of the commandments with the understanding that all Jews, those of that generation and those not yet born were present at Sinai.

Yet on this day, November 4, in 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by another Jew. And Late Tuesday night Itamar Ben Gvir, leader of Israel's Religious Zionist Party, took to the stage, flanked by a security detail, with a gloating smirk, as he belted out the words "שהחיינו והקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה" (Shehechyanu, V'Kiyamanu, V'higyanu LaZman Hazeh!) which was met with applause and inspired continued cheering of "BEN GVIR FOR PRIME MINISTER" and "DEATH TO TERRORISTS! DEATH TO TERRORISTS!" Before the final and official results were in, it was a *fait accompli* that the Religious Zionist Party would receive 14 mandates in the Knesset propping them up to be the third largest party in Israeli politics and beefing up the Netanyahu bloc beyond the magic number of 61 seats. Ben Gvir's critics worry his election also put other openly racist and homophobic politicians in positions of power. As the newspaper, Times of Israel, reported, "the American Jewish Committee acknowledged that statements from some members of Religious Zionism "raise serious concerns about issues we prioritize: pluralism, inclusion, and increased opportunities for peace and normalization." Additionally, the Democratic Majority for Israel, a Democrat-linked pro-Israel organization, expressed concern over the far right, saying it believed Religious Zionism "should have no place in Israel's governing coalition." They also said "We cannot help but be deeply troubled by the fact that an anti-democratic and extremist party led by Kahanist Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich will gain a larger foothold in the Knesset." The division in beliefs and ideology between secular Jews and religious Jews in Israel continues to deepen.

But divisiveness among Jews is not just felt in Israel. This past week, Chabad of the South Shore based out of Hingham in a meeting at Town Hall insisted on their right to publicly represent Plymouth's Jewish community and light a menorah in Plymouth, because as they insinuated if I lit the menorah it would not count. And sure enough, after checking one of their online sites I read "Although women are obligated to light the Chanukah candles, when the head of the household lights, his wife and daughter should not light on their own. This would apply even according to the custom of the Ashkanazim that each member of the household lights, for if the husband lights his wife and daughters should not light.

This inequality of men and women in Judaism can be traced to this Torah portion. For it is Abraham who receives the famous summons to break with his family and his past and follow God's command. And in verse 5, we are told that "Abram's wife, Sarai, went with him." And that is all we

are told. Yet, in this Torah portion, Abram gets off to a rocky start. As he makes his way south with his wife, he panics just outside the border of Egypt. He fears for his life due to Sarai's exquisite beauty. The first words we hear uttered by our first patriarch to our first matriarch are fraught with fear, doubt, and deception. Abram says to his wife, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. If the Egyptians see you they will think "Let us kill him so we can have you." Please say you are my sister so that it may go well with me" He then allowed her to be taken captive in Pharaoh's palace. Abram's words hardly seem appropriate for the founder of a new world religion. Several commentators criticize Abram for his action, or rather inaction. Rambam, a thirteenth century scholar believed that Abram committed a great sin by lying about his wife saying "he should have trusted God to save him and his wife." Even more disturbing is the fact that Abram violates the Jewish value of rescuing the captive by allowing his wife to be taken captive.

Conversely, the text implies that Sarai bravely speaks up behind the scenes, telling Pharaoh that she is, in fact, Abrams' wife. She is willing to take risks to save her loved ones and we read in verse 16 "because of her it went well with Abram." This text implies that Sarai was an integral part of Abram's success and that she was truly Abram's partner. It portrays her as exhibiting intelligence, discretion, and quick thinking. In fact, Rashi, one of the greatest of all Torah scholars says that when in verse 6 it says "the souls that they, meaning both Abram and Saria, had made in Haran accompanied them, referring to converts, God is ascribing significance to Sarah's role in their journey.

Obviously this passage is not interpreted in this same way by today's ultra Orthodox Jews. Furthermore, it is not just women, but also those of the LGBTQ community, and those Jews born to Jewish fathers with non-Jewish mothers that our co-religionists reject as equally Jewish with the same rights and responsibilities as themselves. In fact, all Jews not living and following the commandments as they interpret them are not accepted as being equal or even Jewish at all.

Yet our portion begins with the opposite assertion. Lech Lecha, go forth and I will make your descendents into a great nation and you and they will be a blessing. It does not say just some of your descendents or just the ones a certain denomination of Jews accept as fully Jewish. Lech Lecha, Go forth to the land that I will show you also establishes the eternal and special connection of all Jews to the land of Israel. Abraham introduces a sense of peoplehood and lech Lecha plants the idea of a Jewish homeland.

But that unity is also diminished today as well, and mostly from liberal Jews as today many Jews, particularly the younger generation, feel it is hard to support a country that is portrayed as oppressing others. With each decade that passes, more and more American Jews find it harder to support some of the Israeli government's decisions. This week's Israeli election will only further increase these feelings.

Yet, living in a modern world does mean living with dissonance, ambiguity, and conflict. When Abram was told Lech Lecha, it was clear where he was to go. Today as we go forth as Jews, it is not always easy to know where or how to go. Only through dialogue and education on both sides of all the conflicts, can we hope to once again restore the feeling of Am Yisrael Echad- one united Jewish people. Lech Lecha crystallised the concept of Jewish peoplehood. Today it calls upon us to honestly confront who we are as a Jewish people and strive to find a way to respect and work with one another despite our differing understanding of Judaism. I hope we will one day live in a world where we can accept each other's differences. We are one Jewish people but that does not mean we must act and think alike. Lechi lach- go out and be yourself. Just as Abraham and Sarah ventured forth with courage, fortitude and faith, so too may we go forth May this be our blessing and let us say Amen.



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

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

**December, 2022**

- |                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 Celia Starr             | 14 Elizabeth Van West Sokolow |
| 3 Albert (Al) Sarke       | 14 Eleanor Weiss              |
| 3 Albert Shiff            | 15 Harry Glassman             |
| 5 Anne Helene Berg        | 16 Harold Ross                |
| 5 Harris Kaplowitz        | 17 Esther Greenspoon          |
| 5 William Lashin          | 17 Ann Winkler                |
| 6 Linda Lamel             | 18 Frances D. Kaufman         |
| 7 Albert Lesser           | 18 Melvin Klasky              |
| 8 Ezra Goldstein          | 18 Max Krenis                 |
| 8 Saul Padlusky           | 18 Tina Liss                  |
| 9 Bert Kagan              | 19 Harry Koblantz             |
| 10 Molla B. Jacobson      | 19 Frieda Roe                 |
| 10 Sara Sherman           | 21 Harold Michael Resnick     |
| 11 Theodore Aaron Greene  | 21 Aba Taub                   |
| 11 Stanley Guttman        | 22 Sylvia Righter             |
| 11 Borris Sackheim        | 23 Marion Shuman              |
| 12 Rebecca Lotta Koblantz | 25 Israel Edward Ginsburg     |
| 13 Alice S. Resnick       | 25 Max Penn                   |
| 13 Stanley Resnick        | 26 Nathan Hirschhorn          |
| 13 Ruth Righter           | 29 Henry Manuel Kesselman     |
| 13 Irving Lawrence Shuman | 29 Max Winter                 |
| 14 Samuel Matross         | 30 Anna B. Toabe              |
| 14 Julius Sepet           | 31 Florence Dezorett          |
| 14 Haim (Carlo) Shamir    | 31 Anne Lois (Kalm) Elowitz   |

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

## See What Our Beit Sefer Has In Store This School Year!



### CONGREGATION BETH JACOB 2022-2023 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR K- 5th: SUNDAYS 10 A.M. – 12 P.M. /7th-10th: 6-7:30 P.M

December 4, 2022 King Solomon Builds Temple  
December 11, 2022 Babylonian Exile  
December 18, 2022 Chanukah: Maccabean Revolt  
December 25, 2022 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break  
January 1, 2023 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break  
January 8, 2023 Talmud is Written  
January 15, 2023 NO SCHOOL: MLK Weekend  
January 22, 2023 Golden Age of Spain  
January 29, 2023 Spanish Inquisition  
February 5, 2023 TU BISHVAT CELEBRATION  
February 12, 2023 Jews come to America (Trip to Touro)  
February 19, 2023 NO SCHOOL: Winter Recess  
February 26, 2023 NO SCHOOL: Winter Recess  
March 5, 2023 PURIM PALOOZA  
March 12, 2023 Beginning of Zionism  
March 19, 2023 Holocaust  
March 26, 2023 Foundation of State of Israel  
April 2, 2023 Jews Contributions to America  
April 9, 2023 No SCHOOL: Passover  
April 16, 2023 NO SCHOOL: Spring Recess  
April 23, 2023 Great Contributions of Israel  
April 30, 2023 YOM HA'ATZMAUT: Entebbe  
May 7, 2023 LAG B'OMER  
May 14, 2023 NO SCHOOL: Mother's Day  
May 21, 2023 Last Day of Class/ SHAVUOT

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Friday, March 10, 7:00 P.M. - Religious School Purim Shabbat

Thursday, April 6, 5:30 P.M. - Congregational Passover Seder

Friday, May 12, 7:00 P.M.- Religious School Shabbat In Celebration of our Mothers  
And Our Teachers

## Recipe for Challah in a Bag (Jamie Geller)



Total Time: 240 Minutes    Cook Time: 40 Minutes    Prep Time: 20 Minutes  
Makes 1 Challah

### INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoons of active dry yeast  
1 cup warm water  
3 tablespoons white sugar  
½ tablespoon salt  
⅓ cup canola oil  
3 cups all-purpose flour + ¼ cup  
1 egg for basting (Optional. For vegan challah, substitute olive oil)  
Sesame seeds for topping

### PREPARATION

In a 1 gallon plastic ziplock bag, add the yeast, water, sugar, salt, oil and 3 cups of flour. Give the bag a little shake. Don't work too hard- remember, it's a lazy challah! Place the bag in a bowl of warm water for 30 mins.

Remove from the bowl, shake, release air from the bag, and place on the table for 1 hour. Flip bag every 20 mins. The dough should be very wet. It will start to bubble and self-knead. WHOA!

After 1 hour, add ¼ cup flour and give the bag another shake. This makes the dough not stick to the bag.

Leave the bag for 1 hour and 30 mins to rise. It should still be a wet dough. If it's not rising, flip it over and knock it down. If the dough is wet, the recipe will turn out amazing.

Preheat oven to 300°F/150°C.

On a well-floured surface, separate the dough and stretch out 3 strands. Braid. Baste with egg and sprinkle sesame seeds (optional for vegan challah, substitute olive oil). Leave to rise for 15 mins before it goes in the oven.

Bake on a non-stick tray for 40 mins or until golden on top.

To watch a YouTube video showing how to make Challah in a Bag, click below:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCkbhbkJmPk>