



THE TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter

March, 2023



CBJ Calendar of Upcoming Events:

March 3, 7:00 pm: Hadassah Shabbat Service Celebrate Shabbat Zachor (the Shabbat preceding Purim) along with Regional Chapters of Hadassah, including members of our Plymouth Chapter, as we learn about the important work that Hadassah is doing throughout the world! (Zoom) (See the flier with details)

March 7, 7:30 pm: Musings on the Megillah - Studying and Reading the Scroll of Esther (This is a program presented by the URJ, with the collaboration of Reform rabbis throughout the U.S., including Rabbi Estelle Mills. See the flier and registration details in the article below.)

March 8, 7:00 pm: Sisterhood Planning Meeting (via Zoom)

March 10, 7:00 pm: Friday Evening Shabbat Service with Purim Spiel (in person and via Zoom)

March 12, 12:00 noon: Bagel & Shmier Brunch and

March 12, 1:00 pm: Noah Aronson Concert ! See the article.

March 15: RSVP/Registration Deadline for Member Appreciation Night (See below)

March 15, 7:00 pm: Brotherhood Movie Discussion Night! (The Chosen, starring Rod Steiger, Maximilian Schell and Robbie Benson) See article for details!

March 17, 7:00 pm: Friday Evening Shabbat Service with participation by the Engel family (in person and via Zoom)

March 18, 10:00 am: Shabbat morning service (Betsy Engel will become a Bat Mitzvah) (in person and via Zoom)

March 24, 7:00 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Service (via Zoom)

March 25, 7:00 pm - 9 pm: Member Appreciation Night (see flier and article)

March 31, 7:30 pm: Annual URJ Joint Shabbat Service at Temple Sinai in Sharon. The service will begin at **7:30 pm**. This service will be streamed on Temple Sinai's public Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/TempleSinaiSharon/>.

And Passover is Coming!

April 6 - CBJ's Annual Community Seder is back! Plan to join us for our Community Seder at the John Carver Inn on the second night of Passover. **Make your reservations now!** See the article to register.

Looking Ahead.....**Save the Date!**

Friday, June 9th will mark 50 years since Rabbi Silverman's ordination. Please plan to join us for a special Shabbat service and celebration to honor this milestone!

See the "CBJ Weekly Update" for details and links.

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

Hadassah Shabbat Across the Regions



March 3-4, 2023

Shabbat Zachor
(Shabbat before Purim)



Please join us for Shabbat services throughout **Northern and Southern New England Regions**, as we celebrate our unique relationship with Israel that began 36 years before the founding of the state 75 years ago. Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services will be held.

We will all come together via Zoom to conclude Shabbat with a **Regions-wide Havdalah service** on Saturday at 7:00 pm.

Register for our **Regions-wide Havdalah service** or indicate your interest in one or more Shabbat services at <https://events.hadassah.org/regionshavdalah2023>

Information about participating congregations and services and how to access them is available on the **Hadassah Shabbat Information Sheet** which will be updated as we receive more information.



Please Join Us Locally!

Celebrate Hadassah Shabbat with
Congregation Beth Jacob

Zoom Service begins Friday evening
March 3 at 7:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83367583986pwd=WDMxV2VIQkZvY2V2MjkrTlpoWkQwQT09>



Northern New England



Southern New England



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



**Join Us For Our Community Passover Seder!
April 6, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
at the John Carver Inn**

You are invited to our seder on the second night of Passover, with your CBJ community. Enjoy a delicious kosher-style seder meal of matzoh ball soup, gefilte fish, roasted chicken, potatoes and vegetables, with fresh fruit and homemade macaroons for dessert. [Click here for the Registration Form](#) and [click here to submit your payment on the CBJ website to confirm your reservation.](#)

Member Appreciation Night!
March 25th, from 7 - 9 pm
At CBJ

CONGREGATION BETH JACOB

MEMBER

APPRECIATION NIGHT

Let us show you, our members,
how much we appreciate you
being part of the CBJ community.

Join us for a “grown-up” night of
schmoozing with drinks, appetizers,
and dessert.

Saturday, March 25, 2023
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Congregation Beth Jacob
8 Pleasant St, Plymouth, MA

Click [here](#) to register by March 15.



This will be an evening like none other! Please join us for an evening of schmoozing, with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and fun! (Leave the kids at home for this one!) [Please click here by March 15th to register!](#)

Musings on the Megillah
Studying and Reading the Scroll of Esther
Tuesday, March 7th at 7:30 pm



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Studying and Reading the Scroll of Esther
Tuesday, March 7 @
7:30 pm EST
6:30 pm CST
5:30 pm MST
4:30 pm PST

Teachings will be led by:

Rabbi Elizabeth Behar,
Temple Beth Israel, Macon GA
Rabbi Michael Birnholz,
Temple Beth Shalom, Vero Beach, FL
Rabbi Erin Bost,
Temple Beth Shalom, Ocala, FL
Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell,
Temple Concord, Binghamton, NY
Rabbi Gidon Isaacs,
Temples Anshe Sholom & Beth El, Munster IN
Rabbi Emily Losben-Ostrov,
Temple of Israel, Wilmington, NC
Rabbi Estelle Mills,
Congregation Beth Jacob, Plymouth, MA

[Click here to register](#)

This program is supported by the Union for Reform Judaism

Musings on the Megillah was created to build on the use of virtual gatherings among small Reform congregations, nationwide, collaborating to share our resources to educate and benefit the Jewish community. You are invited to experience an evening of study and hear excerpts from the book of Esther chanted on the night of Purim. It's a very adult story with many elements to consider and learn from. Excerpts of the Megillah in Hebrew and English will be interspersed with short teachings from seven small congregation rabbis to bring out the facets of this amazing story. Rabbi Mills will be teaching about Artistry in the Torah. Others will be teaching about serious fun, secrets and hiding, the power and urgency of Now, and the theme of overturning.

Register for the program through the Union for Reform Judaism, the sponsor for this program, at <https://urj.tfaforms.net/901?id=7014u000001RUB>.

If you wish, you may join Rabbi Mills in person in the CBJ sanctuary for this program (If so, please rsvp to RSVP@cbjplymouth.org.)

Purim

Purim: March 7-8, 2023



WHAT IS PURIM?

Purim, which literally means “lots” and is sometimes known as the Feast of Lots, is the Jewish holiday in which Jews commemorate being saved from persecution in the ancient Persian Empire. According to the Book of Esther in the Torah, the Jewish people of the city of Shushan were threatened by the villain Haman, a prime minister who convinces the King Ahasuerus to kill all the Jews (because the Jewish Mordecai refused to bow down to Haman). Haman casts lots (hence the name of the holiday) to determine the date he would carry out his plan: the 13th of Adar. In the end, the Jews are saved by the heroic Queen Esther, Mordecai’s niece (and adopted daughter), who married Ahasuerus (after he banished his first, rebellious wife Vashti). When Ahasuerus discovers that his wife Esther is Jewish, he decides to reverse Haman’s decree, and instead of the Jews being killed, Haman, his sons, and other enemies are killed instead.

With celebrations including costumes, skits and songs, noisemakers, and gifts of food, Purim is definitely full of fun! Purim is a joyous holiday that affirms and celebrates Jewish survival and continuity throughout history. The main communal celebration involves a public reading—usually in the synagogue—of the Book of Esther (M’gillat Esther), which tells the story of the holiday: Under the rule of King Ahashverosh, Haman, the king’s adviser, plots to exterminate all of the Jews of Persia. His plan is foiled by Queen Esther and her cousin Mordechai, who ultimately save the Jews of Persia from destruction. The reading of the m’gillah typically is a rowdy affair, punctuated by booing and noise-making when Haman’s name is read aloud.

Purim is an unusual holiday in many respects. First, Esther is the only biblical book in which God is not mentioned. Second, Purim, like Hanukkah, is viewed as a minor festival according to Jewish custom, but has been elevated to a major holiday as a result of the Jewish historical experience. Over the centuries, Haman has come to symbolize every anti-Semite in every land where Jews were oppressed. The significance of Purim lies not so much in how it began, but in what it has become: a thankful and joyous affirmation of Jewish survival.

To wish someone a Happy Purim, say “Chag Purim Sameach!”

HOW IS PURIM CELEBRATED?

Purim is the most raucous holiday on the Jewish calendar and occurs on the 14 day of the month of Adar. Observance of the holiday begins with dressing up in costume: some people choose to dress as characters from the Purim story, and others dress in non-Purim-related costumes. It is a mitzvah (commandment) to listen to the story of Purim chanted from Megillat Esther (“The Scroll of Esther”) and to hear every word. It is customary to make loud noise with a noisemaker called a ra’ashan in Hebrew, or grager in Yiddish, every time Haman’s name is mentioned, in order to fulfill the obligation of blotting out Haman’s name. Part of the holiday also includes giving gifts or charity to the poor, called matanot l’evyonim. A fun tradition on the

holiday is to perform a Purim spiel, a satirical show either dramatizing the Purim story in a humorous way, or just a funny skit on any theme.

WHAT KINDS OF FOODS ARE EATEN ON PURIM?

Mishloach manot (“sending of portions”) are gifts of food, treats, and goodies that Jewish communities send to friends and family on Purim. It is traditional to have a jovial feast, or Seudat Purim, in the evening of the holiday. Drinking alcohol is part of the Purim holiday celebration — in fact, the requirement in the Talmud goes so far as to instruct that one should get so drunk that they can’t tell the difference between the phrases Arur Haman (“cursed is Haman”) and Baruch Mordechai (“blessed is Mordecai”). Traditional foods include Oznei Haman or Hamentaschen (“ears of Haman”), a triangular cookie usually filled with different flavors of jam or a poppy seed filling known as “mohn”, which is supposed to represent either Haman’s ears or his three-cornered hat. Another triangular shaped food that is customary to eat are kreplach, small dumplings usually filled with meat, mashed potatoes, or other fillings. Other traditional foods are dishes made with beans, a reminder of what Esther ate in the king’s palace in order to avoid eating non-kosher foods. Because of this Esther/ legume tradition, Purim is often celebrated with a vegetarian meal.



Quick ideas for a Purim Costume

<https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/purim/quick-costume-ideas-purim>

Special Musical Event at CBJ!
Noah Aronson Concert and Bagel & Lox Shmier Brunch
Sunday, March 12th
Registrations Are Due By March 5th!



Nationally renowned singer and songwriter, Noah Aronson, will be coming to CBJ on Sunday, March 12th! In the morning, he will present an educational program to our Beit Sefer students. This will be followed by a bagel and lox brunch and a special concert for our congregation. The musical portion of this program is being partially subsidized by the Ray & Milly Russo Fund for Music and the Arts.

Many of us are already familiar with Noah's beautiful compositions from the selections that Rabbi Mills has shared with us during our Shabbat services. [To hear "Am I Awake," click here.](#)

Admission:

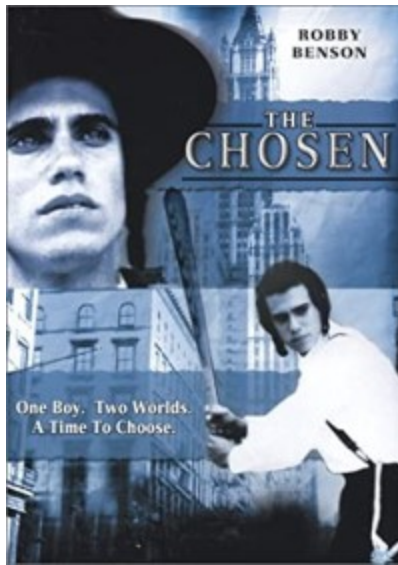
For CBJ congregants, in-Person Attendance at the Concert, including Brunch: \$18.00 per person. (Beit Sefer families and children under the age of 12 are free of charge)

For Non-members of CBJ: The ticket price does not include Brunch.

For Attendance at the Concert only, by Zoom: \$10.00 per connection to Zoom
[Click here for the Flier](#)

Registrations are due by March 5th. Click on the link below to register!
<https://forms.gle/Gu8Y7UW5q9zGZ1RR7>

Brotherhood Movie Discussion Night!
March 15, 7:00 pm (by Zoom)
The Chosen (1982)



In 1944, in Brooklyn, two Jewish kids become friends. One is from a very conservative family, and the other is more liberal. Reuven Malter, an orthodox Jewish teenager, meets Danny Saunders, son of a strict Hasidic Rebbe. In spite of having different personalities, they both bond over their mutual love for stickball. The issues of importance of tradition, parental expectations and the formation of Israel cause constant friction.

This film is based on a novel by Chaim Potok. It stars Rod Steiger, Maximilian Schell, and Robby Benson, and is 1 hour, 47 minutes long.

The Chosen is available to stream, free of charge, on Kanopy, Roku, and YouTube.
[Click here to watch it on YouTube.](#)

To read the Wikipedia Summary: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Chosen_\(1981_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Chosen_(1981_film))

To watch the Trailer:

https://www.imdb.com/video/vi936952601/?playlistId=tt0082175&ref_=tt_ov_vi

Everyone is invited to watch this outstanding film in advance and to participate in the discussion on March 15th by Zoom. Membership in CBJ or in Brotherhood is not required. Join us!

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 is still looking for a member who is willing to assume a leadership position for the coming year.

Do you play a musical instrument? A few simple chords played on a guitar or the ethereal sound of a flute can do so much to enhance the beauty of our services. Please contact our co-Presidents, Ronnie Hirschhorn and Fred Sarke, if you are able to help.
president@cbjpymouth.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 to reserve a date!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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. [Click here for a link to CBJ's Application Form.](#)



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

Yahrzeit/General Fund:

- Lois Klasky - in memory of Louis Coffman
- Allan & Judith Sherman - in memory of Allan's father, Louis Sherman
- Ronnie Hirschhorn - in memory of her father, Bernard Riback and Dan's mother, Mae Hirschhorn
- Harry Shamir & Barbara Aharoni - in memory of Rina Strumsky Shamir, Harry's first wife

Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life:

Abby Geller Wein and Spencer Wein, through a grant from their Charitable Donor-Advised Fund (Abby is the grand-daughter of Rose Sherman Geller and the daughter of Dr. Sherman Geller.)

Anonymous Donation

CBJ has received a check from National Financial Services representing a Retirement Distribution from an IRA. Unfortunately, the donor was not identified. We are grateful for this generous gift and request that anyone with information about this donation please contact our Treasurer, Brad Engel. (bbengel2000@gmail.com)



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. cbjplymouthrabbi@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
Attention: Treasurer
P.O. Box 3284
Plymouth, MA 02361

Look What Our CBJ Teens Did in Washington, D.C.!



For the first time, two of our high school students attended a very special social action seminar called L'Taken in Washington, D.C, along with 350 teens from all over the country. This program is run by the Religious Action Center for about 6 weekends each year. Last weekend, Rabbi Mills accompanied Skyler Zeitz and Sarah Engel on this very exciting weekend that was made possible through the generosity of the Jacob and Minnie Kaplan NFTY Institute Fund and the Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life. The program is designed to both expose teens to a variety of public policy issues and explore the Jewish values that inform the Reform Movement's advocacy around these issues. Throughout the weekend, students learned how to write an effective, persuasive and passionate speech on a topic of their choice to present when they visit the offices of their Senators and Representatives on the Monday of the program. The Monday Hill visits with Congress is a unique experience that very few Americans take advantage of and one that can have a significant impact on the course of legislation. After meeting with our students, Members of Congress have chosen to co-sponsor, offer amendments to and vote for pieces of legislation that participants discussed. [To read the draft bill that Sarah Engel collaborated on, click here.](#)

Rabbi Mills has accompanied students many times and can affirm it is truly life changing. CBJ's students are attending as part of the Sha'aray Shalom delegation with the Hingham students, about 30 students in total, traveled to be with another 100 students from congregations throughout the US.

L'taken is a program of the URJ Religious Action Center (RAC) "is designed to both expose students to a variety of public policy issues and explore the Jewish values that inform the Reform Movement's advocacy around these issues. Throughout the weekend, the students gain the knowledge and tools to write an effective, persuasive, and passionate speech on a topic of their choice to present when they visit the offices of our senators and representatives on the Monday of the program. After meeting with our students, Members of Congress have chosen to co-sponsor, offer amendments to and vote for pieces of legislation that participants discussed. The trajectory of the programming goes from broad to narrow—first, exposing the students to a range of topics and eventually encouraging them to focus on a single, specific issue about which they are particularly passionate. On Friday and Saturday, they had the opportunity to attend programs on a range of topics, including Israel, the environment, reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ civil rights, church/state separation, international relations and more! On Sunday, with the support of the chaperones and the RAC Staff, they chose a specific topic and wrote a speech to deliver on Capitol Hill on Monday. They also took advantage of the vast opportunities available in our nation's capital by visiting the National Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Smithsonian National Mall and celebrating Havdalah at the Jefferson Memorial.

Importantly, they had the rare opportunity to meet and mingle with Reform Jews from across the US, all of whom are in DC for the same reason to pursue Tikkun Olam.



Rabbi Mills, Skylar Zeitz, and Sarah Engel in front of Martin Luther King Memorial



Havdalah in front of Jefferson Memorial



The Group Working on Their Proposals







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.

In the past, 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.

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. Even if you can't participate, please join us and support our important programs and activities.

Special Reduced Dues Rate for 2023: _____ \$18.00

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. For your convenience, you may also pay your dues online on the CBJ website. [Click here](#). Be sure to identify your payment as Sisterhood Dues. Thank you!



CBJ BROTHERHOOD DUES NOTICE

Over the 100 year history of CBJ, 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."

Under the leadership of Brotherhood's new President, Louis Goldman, we are looking forward to resuming those "sumptuous" Brotherhood Breakfasts with their intriguing and informative guest speakers. In the past, Brotherhood has planned monthly Discussion Group meetings, as well as Movie Nights, to which all members of the congregation have been invited. Brotherhood members have enjoyed the camaraderie of our bowling nights, as well as the bonding and sharing experience of our Men's "Ribs N Beer" seder. We have raised funds with our July 4th Hot Dog stand outside The Spire Center, and have planned CBJ's Family Picnic at Charge Pond. Are these activities that Brotherhood members would like to continue?

We also provide $\frac{3}{4}$ of our treasury to our synagogue. Between our fundraisers and your dues, we have been able to contribute \$2,500 to CBJ's General Fund 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.

Please 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 PHONE _____

EMAIL_____

AREAS OF INTEREST _____

Talent(s) that you would be willing to share_____

If you have any new ideas for programming or Brotherhood activities for the coming year, 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 (\$36)____ Mitzvah Membership (\$54)____ Big Macher (\$72)____

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



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.

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.

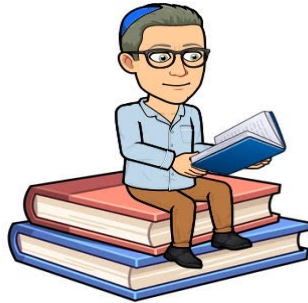
Over the past eight years, with your overwhelming generosity, we've been able to donate thousands of dollars worth of supermarket gift cards to The Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse. These donations have gone a long way in helping to supplement the efforts of the South Shore Community Action Council to feed those in our Plymouth community who need it most. Whatever you can afford would be much appreciated and would prove, once again, 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!

Adult Education Program

Don't Miss This!

Study Sessions on Wednesdays Between Passover and Shavuot
The Theme: "Books from the Writings Section of the Jewish Bible"



CBJ will, once again, be participating in study sessions for the 7 weeks of the counting of the Omer on Wednesdays between Passover and Shavuot. This year's theme is "Books from the Writings section of the Tanach (Jewish Bible). The books we are studying and the dates are below. A different pair of rabbis will be teaching each week. **Rabbi Mills will be teaching Song of Songs on May 17th.**

Save the dates! This is a series that you will not want to miss!

Tentative Calendar

April 12 Jonah

April 19 Ecclesiastes

April 26 Ezra/Nehemiah

May 3 Proverbs

May 10 Daniel

May 17 Song of Songs (taught by Rabbi Estelle Mills)

May 24 Ruth



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

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

March 2023

3 Edith Keshen Albert	14 Adele Hollander
3 Zena Dreitzer	14 Rose T. Romanow
3 Samuel Rice	15 Mendel Zavalcofsky
4 Frieda Resnick	16 Adele Baler
4 Ellis Shector	16 Estelle Gladstein Ravage
4 Dinah Van West	16 Ida Sandler
4 Terri Wax	17 Jerome Gottman
5 Rebecca Miriam Dezorett	19 Sayde Arons
5 Lillie Pokross	19 Albert Roth
5 Belle Sadow	20 John Padlusk
6 Rachel Buckman	20 Phillip Van West
7 Sarah Rebecca Cohen	20 Isadore H. Waterman
8 I. Harry Keller	21 Samuel Bailey
9 Betty Balton	21 Henry Grace
9 Samuel Goldberg	21 Charlotte Lippman
9 Pauline Hazan	22 Lawrence Hollander
10 Joseph Bolotin	22 Dean Chipper Meyers
10 Rose Goldberg	23 Max Chell
10 Joseph L. Harris	23 Irving Miller
10 Morris Melniker	23 George Skulsky
10 Elizabeth Rains	24 Bernard Skulsky
11 Rebecca Milner	24 Janet Lee Kalaminsky
12 Hyman Dreitzer	25 Ida Herman
13 Molly Skulsky Balonis	26 Shirley Friedman
13 Susan Starr	26 Jeffrey Hirschhorn
14 William Jacob Berg	27 Isaac Cohen
14 Sidney Egnatinsky	27 Ida (Sherman) Padlusk
14 Sarah Mollie Goldberg	31 Ida Kabelsky
14 Barbara Hirschhorn	

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 Been Doing This School Year!



CONGREGATION BETH JACOB 2022-2023 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR K-7th GRADE: SUNDAYS 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

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

For a printable 2022-2023 Religious School calendar, click on this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EHyVEQxhmiZJPspHvKA3Z3_-L9cGc-wdRuK7B5YhSol/edit?usp=sharing

Although the Beit Sefer is more than half over, the last few months are packed with some really amazing opportunities.

Sunday, March 5th: Celebrate Purim with Congregation Sha'aray Shalom by attending their Purim Spiel (with a cameo by Rabbi Mills) and Purim Carnival.

Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm: The Beit Sefer students will be leading the congregation's Purim service. All students have parts.

Sunday, March 12 at 10 am: The nationally- known Jewish singer Noah Aronson will be our guest at school that morning and will be giving a concert for the entire congregation!. He is one of the leading Jewish vocalists in the United States and we sing many of his songs at services. We will be having a brunch for the parents, students, and entire congregation (students are free, there will be a charge for the adults). More information will be sent in a separate flyer. This is a NOT TO BE MISSED event!!!

Sunday, March 26th at 9 am: We will be meeting at 9 am that morning for a field trip to the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island (America's oldest synagogue). Transportation will be by chartered bus, and the admission to the museum is complimentary for Beit Sefer students. Parents are invited to join us for this field trip (but will need to cover their own admission fee of \$10).

Friday, May 12, at 7:00 pm: Mother Day Shabbat Service led by the Beit Sefer students and sharing of history presentation.

Our year of studying Jewish history will culminate with students who wish to share a presentation at this service on a Jewish historical figure of their choosing. The Winokur Fund has graciously offered a monetary prize to the best presentation and the runner up in the following two age divisions: Pre-k through 3rd grade and 4th through 7th grade.



Recipe for Hamantaschen

By the Sisterhood of Temple Rodef Shalom, Falls Church, VA

INGREDIENTS

4 cups flour
2 heaping teaspoons baking powder
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 eggs
1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon oil
Grated lemon rind

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Prune Filling:

1 pound prunes
1 orange, sliced, with rind
1/4 cup sugar (optional)
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Rind and juice of 1 lemon
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

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Poppy Seed Filling:

1 can poppy seed filling
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

1. Sift dry ingredients into a bowl; break eggs into the center. Add oil and lemon rind and stir well.
2. Mix together and knead lightly. (Refrigerate for 1/2 hour or let stand at room temperature for about an hour before rolling.)

For Prune Filling, cook prunes and orange in a small amount of water until tender. Chop together with remaining ingredients (remove orange rind first).

For Poppy Seed Filling, stir all ingredients together thoroughly.

Roll out dough 1/8 inch thick; cut into 3 inch rounds and put a heaping teaspoon of filling in the center of each. Draw up two sides and then the third and pinch together. Bake on a greased cookie sheet at 375° for about 20-25 minutes or until browned.