

THE TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter
May, 2023



CBJ Calendar of Upcoming Events:

May 1-31: Sisterhood's Annual Mother's Day Diaper Drive (see article)

May 1, 7:00 pm: Brotherhood Book Club meeting (The Netanyahus, by Joshua Cohen)

May 3, 12:00 noon: Counting of the Omer Study (Jonah) May 5, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Evening Service (by Zoom)

May 8, 7:00 pm: Sisterhood meeting (by Zoom)

May 10, 12:00 noon: Counting of the Omer Study (Daniel)

May 12, 7:00 pm: Religious School Shabbat Evening Service led by our Beit Sefer students. This service will honor all mothers and show our appreciation for our outstanding teachers. (In person and by Zoom) The Oneg is being hosted by Elissa Davis and Jackie Winokur in honor of Addie's being called to the Torah to become a Bat Mitzvah on the following morning.

Saturday, May 13, 10:00 am: Addie Davis, daughter of Elissa and Chris Davis and granddaughter of Jackie and Steve Winokur, will be called to the Torah and become a Bat Mitzvah. (in person and by Zoom) The special Zoom link for this service is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81241494330?pwd=U1lmNHNrTjl4eVZHckRZcFZRRlcyUT09

May 17, 12:00 noon: Counting of the Omer Study (Song of Songs - taught by Rabbi Mills)

May 19, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Evening Service (Zoom)

May 21: Last Day of Religious School

May 24, 12:00 noon: Counting of the Omer Study (Ruth)

Thursday, May 25th: We will once again be participating in the URJ all night Shavuot study session. This is an amazing program, with a wide variety of topics to choose from! See details in the article.

May 26, 6:30 pm: Yizkor Service followed by Shavuot Shabbat Evening Service at 7:00 pm. The memorial plaque for Bea Kalaminsky will be dedicated at the conclusion of the Yizkor service. (in person and by Zoom) The Oneg is being sponsored by Laney Kalaminsky, in memory of her mother, Bea Kalaminsky.

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!

To see the complete CBJ Calendar on our website, click here.

Letter to Our Congregants Regarding The Next Chapter in CBJ's History

Dear Congregants,

We hope this message finds you well. Congregation Beth Jacob (CBJ) has been part of the Plymouth community for over 100 years. And during the past century we have grown and changed. With deep respect for our history and the vision of our founding families and members, we have come to the realization that our current building can no longer meet the needs of our growing community, including:

- Lack of parking
- Inadequate space/classrooms for Beit Sefer
- No handicap accessibility
- Insufficient High Holiday seating
- No social hall or space for large events

We have begun exploring the possibility of finding a new space that can accommodate all our members - for services, events, education, and all our needs. This decision was not an easy one, especially considering how important our current temple building has been to us.

However, as we look to the future, we must also consider our day-to-day needs and provide a space that is welcoming and accommodating to all.

We understand that change can be difficult, but we hope that you will support us as we embark on this exciting new chapter for our congregation. As we begin this exploration, we are launching a capital fundraising campaign to support this endeavor. We have received an extremely generous gift from Allan and Judith Sherman to get us started. This has prompted other congregants including Fred and Irene Sarke to also pledge money towards the efforts of a new building. We hope you all can find it in your hearts to contribute to this effort, in whatever way you can, as we embark on the search for CBJ's new home. We encourage you to visit our website and donate what you can here.

We will keep you updated on the process and look forward to sharing more information with you as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support of CBJ. We look forward to growing and thriving together, and bringing CBJ into the future!

Dianne Bluestein and Devon Fernald
CBJ Long range Planning Committee Co-Chairs



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

Mazel Tov to Addie Davis and her Family!



On Saturday morning, May 13th, Addie Davis will be called to the Torah to become a Bat Mitzvah. Addie is the daughter of Elissa and Chris Davis and is the granddaughter of Jackie and Steve Winokur. Mazel Tov! (See the special Zoom link in the Calendar of Upcoming Events listing at the beginning of this newsletter.)



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

Continuing Our Counting of the Omer Study Program Series Wednesdays at Noon (Eastern Time) Register Now!



Join us as we continue to mark the journey our people made from slavery in Egypt to becoming the free people who stood together at Mount Sinai by counting the 50 days of Omer. During the Omer we draw inspiration from our people's transformation, by reflecting on our own journeys of freedom and growth. Our reflection is traditionally fostered by the study of sacred texts. This year, our team of Rabbis of small congregations brings you seven sessions on Nevi'im and Ketuvim, the "Prophets" and "Writings" sections of the TaNaKh. Join us for one or more of the sessions as we delve into our textual tradition during this period of reflection. Wednesdays at noon Eastern. Upon registration, you will be able to attend any or all of the programs in this series, according to your interest. Register Now!

Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrceyvqjkvGNJzebbijGc_QQ7uhBxX8t-X

April 26th Ecclesiastes

Rabbi Gidon Isaacs Temples Anshe Sholom and Beth-El Munster, IN http://www.templeanshesholom.org/ and https://www.templebethel-munster.org/. Rabbi Suzanne Griffel Sinai Temple of Michigan City, IN https://sinaitemplemc.org/

May 3rd Jonah

Rabbi Simone Schicker, Temple B'nai Israel, Kalamazoo, MI www.templebnaiisrael.com Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, Congregation Kol Ami, Elkins Park, PA — kolamielkinspark.org

May 10th Daniel

Rabbi Larry Malinger, Temple Shalom, Aberdeen, NJ; www.templeshalomnj.org Rabbi Robert Haas Congregation Mickveh Israel Savannah, GA https://mickveisrael.org/

May 17th Song of Songs (co-led by our own Rabbi Mills)

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Temple Concord, Binghamton, NY www.TempleConcord.com Rabbi Estelle Mills Congregation Beth Jacob, Plymouth, MA https://www.cbjplymouth.org/

May 24th Ruth

Rabbi Emily Losben-Ostrov, Temple of Israel, Wilmington, NC www.temple-of-israel.org Rabbi Jeff Goldwasser, Temple Sinai, Cranston, RI www.templesinairi.org

If You Missed One or More of These Study Sessions And Want to See The Recordings....

Recordings of all of these programs are available to see by clicking here.

CBJ's Community Seder: A Huge Success!



Thank you to the 70 people that joined us for our Annual Passover Seder. It's been over 3 years since we've been able to hold this event in person. It was wonderful to see new and old friends come together to celebrate the holiday. Thank you to Rabbi Mills for leading us through a fun and interactive Seder. And a special thanks to our Beit Sefer kids for singing the four questions.



To see more photographs of the Seder, click here.



All Night Shavuot Study Program Thursday, May 25th, 8:00 pm Through Friday, May 26th, 9:00 am ET

It's Torah O'Clock Somewhere! Be part of the 4th annual Virtual Tikkun Leil Shavuot Register Now!

Join our collaboration of small URJ congregations as we offer a night of free study sessions to celebrate Shavuot. Come for one session or stay all night, enjoying teachings from a wide range of teachers on a wide variety of topics. (Last year, the menu of topics to choose from included everything from scholarly studies of the Torah to an analysis of the Jewish themes in Gene Wilder's hilarious movie, The Frisco Kid, complete with film clips - and everything in between! You really do not want to miss this!) *Registration is free, but you must sign up to receive the Zoom links and program choices for the night of classes.

For more information or to register, please visit https://www.betheltyler.com/shavuot

To see the flier for this program, click here.

CBJ Yizkor Book 2023-2024



We must always remember. To remember the members of your family whom you have lost and who continue to hold a precious place in your heart, please consider contributing to the CBJ General Fund by supporting our annual Yizkor Book fundraiser.

Below is the Yizkor Book form so you can fill out the information needed for your memorials. Please note that a new feature is being offered this year. You can now add up to four photos to the Yom Kippur Yizkor Service powerpoint presentation that is shown at our High Holiday services.

Please send your form with your check to me by the deadline of **June 15**.

God Provides.
Barbara Aharoni
Yizkor Book Chair
4 Horizon, Plymouth, MA 02360

Congregation Beth Jacob Yizkor Book, We Remember Them 2023-2024 5784

The format of this Yizkor Book requires that memorial listings be by individual names only, without identification of relationship or terms of endearment. If memorializing two people who were life partners, they must be listed as two individual names.

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	4) John Adams and Abigail Smith
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	closed total tax-deductible contribution of \$to memorialize my 023-2024 Congregation Beth Jacob, We Remember Them.
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This form must be completed and returned with your check, payable to Congregation Beth Jacob, by the deadline of June 15th.

Please send them to: Barbara Aharoni, 4 Horizon, Plymouth,MA 02360 If you have questions about this form, please call Barbara Aharoni at 774-404-7107.



Shavuot (May 26-May 27)



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.

History, Customs and Traditions: Shavuot, like several other Jewish holidays, began as an 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 offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem – the "first fruits" of their harvest.

In modern times, Jews can no longer bring agricultural offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem, and thus there are no particular mitzvot, or commandments, associated with Shavuot. There are, however, several rituals that have become popular ways of celebrating the holiday, as we embrace the study of Torah and take inspiration from Jewish teachings.

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. To read more about the Book of Ruth, click here. https://reformjudaism.org/why-do-we-read-book-ruth-shavuot

The ceremony of confirmation – for high school students who have continued their studies and Jewish involvement beyond b'nei mitzvah – often is held on or near Shavuot. Just as the Jewish people accepted the Torah on Shavuot, so do confirmands reaffirm their commitment to the covenant and adult Jewish life.

The Foods We Eat on Shavuot: Many Jews prepare and eat dairy foods – often cheesecake or blintzes – on Shavuot as a reminder of the sweetness of Torah, and also as a reminder that the Torah calls the land of Israel a land "flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8). Often families gather together on the holiday to enjoy a meal that features such dishes.

SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER DRIVE May 1 - May 31



Sisterhood is once again teaming up with the early childhood component of the South Shore Community Council (SSCC) to help ease the burden of the cost of diapers and other baby products. Diapers are not a luxury! Did you know that diapers and other baby products CANNOT be purchased with an EBT card?

How can we help? It's easy! Mother's Day is May 14th. During the month of May, Sisterhood would like you to make a donation to this drive to honor the women who have had a positive impact on your life. The person could be a family member - your mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, or a special aunt who was always there for you. It could be a friend, teacher, or mentor.

The drive will be run from May 1st through May 31st.

Please send a check, payable to Beth Jacob Sisterhood, c/o Cindy Teles, 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth MA 02360. Please include "Diaper Drive" in the memo line. The funds that are contributed will enable the SSCC to purchase the baby care products and diapers in the sizes that are currently needed.

If you have diapers that your child has outgrown or no longer needs, we will gladly take those, and discount coupons for the purchase of disposable diapers are always welcome!

Please contact Suzanne Goldberg at 508-269-7531 to arrange for a pick-up.

Thank you!



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.

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.

Are you adept with handling computer technology? We need someone in our congregation who is willing to assist with managing Zoom audio and video settings for our Shabbat services and other programs that are being streamed.

Please contact our co-Presidents, Ronnie Hirschhorn and Fred Sarke, if you are able to help. 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 to reserve a date!

Thank You to Our Most Recent Oneg Sponsors!



- April 28th Ron and Cherilynn Elowitz, in memory of Ron's father, Allan Elowitz
- May 12th Steve and Jackie Winokur, Elissa and Chris Davis in honor of Addie Davis' being called to the Torah as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah
- May 26th Laney Kalaminsky in memory of her mother, Bea Kalaminsky



CBJ Welcomes Our Newest Member!

Lynne Bryan 17 Haven Road Plymouth, MA

Lynne became acquainted with CBJ when she attended a talk that Rabbi Mills presented on Chanukah at the Council on Aging in December. Her interests include music and cooking and although she is now retired, she has secretarial skills. Lynne would like to meet people with similar interests. Please welcome Lynne warmly 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. 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:

Jackie & Steve Winokur - in memory of Jackie's father, Dr. I. Harry Keller

Laney Kalaminsky - in memory of her sister, Janet Lee Kalaminsky, and her mother, Bea Kalaminsky

Lois & Phyllis Klasky - in memory of Lois' parents, Phillip and Dinah Van West

Phyllis Klasky - in memory of her uncle, and Lois' brother, Joseph Van West, and Phyllis' grandfather, Hyman J. Klasky

Sherri and Ed Sore - in memory of Sherri's grandmother, Lilly Winter

Ron Elowitz & Cherilynn Whitehouse - in memory of Ron's father, Allan Elowitz (Croitoru)

Paula & Joe Keller and Dara & Scott Campanella & family - in memory of Paula's mother, Lucille Arons

Ronnie Hirschhorn - in memory of her dear husband, Dan Hirschhorn

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Pamela Sechoka

Our 7th Grade Beit Sefer Students' Trip to New York City April 21-23rd



Four students from our 7th grade Beit Sefer class traveled to New York City with Rabbi Mills to learn about the Jewish immigrant experience on their arrival in America. This trip was partially subsidized by the Adeline and Reuben Winokur American Jewish History Prize Fund, with the provision that the students write and submit an essay about their experience. As you can see, they had a very full agenda!

FRIDAY APRIL 21:

7:00 am: Meet at Congregation Beth Jacob for departure

11:30 am: Approximate arrival and check in Aloft Hotel Secaucus Meadowlands

(460 Harmon Meadow Boulevard, Secaucus, NJ 07094)

12:00 pm: Head into Manhattan by train for lunch

1:00 pm Lunch at Katz's Deli (205 East Houston Street)

2:30 pm Tenement Museum Tour (103 Orchard Street)

3:30 pm Walk around lower east side

Yonah Schimmel Knish (137 East Houston Street)

The Pickle Guys (115 Delancey Street)

Eldridge Street Synagogue (12 Eldridge Street)

5:00 pm: Head uptown to Central Synagogue

6:00 pm: Services at Central Synagogue 652 Lexington Ave (at East 55th)

7:30 pm Dinner: Serendipity 225 E 60th (great ice cream desserts and fun kid food)

SATURDAY APRIL 22:

8:00 am breakfast at the hotel for those who wish to get up

9:00 am leave hotel to travel to Jewish museum

11:00 am The Sassoons Exhibit at the Jewish museum (1109 5th Ave at 92nd St)

And walking around the Jewish museum

1:00 pm; pizza (or other to-go lunch) while strolling down 5th Avenue

or through Central Park

2:00/230 pm: Flex tickets to Broadway Museum enter between 12 and 3 (145 West 45th)

4:30: Walk around Times Square

6:00 pm: Dinner: Carmine's-200 W 44th

8:00 pm: Parade with Ben Platt (Bernard Jacobs Theatre 242 West 45th Street)

SUNDAY APRIL 23

8:00 am check out and leave hotel

9:00 AM Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty (from NJ ferry)

2:00 return to car at New Jersey Ferry Lot and head home

6:00 approximate return home



Sisterhood News and 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 had affected our ability to meet for the past 2 years, Sisterhood has resumed holding interesting and informative monthly meetings as we celebrate holidays together and raise funds for the benefit of our synagogue. This year, Sisterhood meetings have been scheduled on the second Monday of each month. Our first program of the year was held on April 22nd, and featured Master Chef Jerry Levine demonstrating how to cook a delicious and healthful Israeli-style dinner. It was enjoyed by all! Thank you, Jerry!

The June program will feature Yoga and Yoghurt - a combination that should appeal to many of our members! (The yoga instructor is mindful that many of us are unable to get down on the floor....or to get back up again....and she has tailored her program to be suitable and enjoyable for all ages and abilities.) Watch the Weekly Update and the June edition of The Tent for details!

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, Hondurus, Ghana, The Philippines, The Congo, Uganda and Fiji. To learn more about Kiva, click here: https://www.kiva.org/lend-by-category/women

Sisterhood dona	tes \$2500.00 to the Temple each year!	We can't do it alone. We need your	
financial support.	Please become a member of Sisterhood	•	
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Even if you can't	participate, please join us and support of	ur important programs and activities.	
Special Reduc	ed Dues Rate for 2023:	_ \$18.00	
Make your check	payable to Beth Jacob Sisterhood and p	out "Sisterhood Dues" in the Memo line	٤.
Please mail to: C	indy Teles, 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth	MA 02360. For your convenience, yo	u
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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. Brotherhood is planning monthly Discussion Group meetings and has already revived our Movie Discussion Nights, to which all members of the congregation are invited. Brotherhood members have expressed a strong interest in restarting the bonding and sharing experience of our bowling nights. (You don't have to be an expert bowler to join the fun - just have a sense of humor!) In the past, 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 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.

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year, we look forward to I	s for programming or Brotherhood activities for the coming learing them. If you prefer being non-participatory, we still d to your membership. We thank you for your generous
Basic Membership (\$36)	Mitzvah Membership (\$54) Big Macher (\$72)
Make	our check payable to: CBJ Brotherhood
Pleas	e indicate "Dues Payment" and mail to:
Seth Tel	es 31 Birch Avenue Plymouth MA 02360



The Following Yahrzeits Will be Observed This Month:

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

May 2023

1 Helen Pearce

2 Joel Levy

3 Maurice Treppel

4 Arthur E. Jacobs

4 Muriel Swartz

5 Miles Herman

5 William Lippman

7 Avi Teles Hunemorder

8 Silvia Siegel

9 Stella S. Bromberg

9 Arnold B. Shelly

9 Louis Waterman

11 Arnold Brodie

11 Harvey F. Cohen

12 Sheila Finer

14 Miriam Polak Lelyveld

15 Kalman Aharoni

16 Joseph Epstein

16 Edward L. Greenberg

17 Abraham Goldberg

17 Ida Portnoy

18 David Rodman

19 Lucille Arons

19 Annie F. Goldman

20 Jacob Erie

23 Rebecca Frim

23 Lawrence Geller

23 Ada Greenberg

23 Ralph Holler

23 Bessie A. Resnick

24 Rae Baron

24 Rose Sherman Geller

26 Minnie E. Kaplan

28 Marc Lipetz

29 Solomon Bromberg

29 Ralph Jacob Resnick

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.

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, May 12, 7:00 P.M.- Religious School Shabbat In Celebration of our Mothers Mother Day Shabbat Service will be led by the Beit Sefer students. 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.

Our Beit Sefer Students Visited Touro Synagogue on March 26th!

On Sunday, March 26th, our Religious School students visited the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. Touro Synagogue is the oldest Jewish synagogue in America and is both a museum and a working synagogue. It was wonderful to be able to show our kids some tangible Jewish history right here in New England!



Recipe for Lemon Ricotta Pancakes



Tina Wasserman created this updated version of classic kaese latkes. In deference to the heroine Judith, who saved the Jews from annihilation by feeding salty cheese and wine to General Holofernes, getting him drunk enough so she could behead him and scare off his troops. They're a delicious treat all year long, not just for Hanukkah, and because of the cheese, they're great for Shavuot, too. (makes 20 silver dollar sized pancakes)

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1 cup whole milk ricotta

2 eggs

2 tablespoons light brown sugar

Zest of 1/2 medium lemon, finely minced

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons whole-wheat flour

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Unsalted butter for frying

DIRECTIONS

Place the 1 tablespoon of butter in a 11/2-quart glass bowl and microwave on high for 40 seconds or until the butter is melted.

Add the ricotta and eggs and mix well with a whisk to thoroughly combine.

Add the brown sugar, lemon zest, vanilla, nutmeg, salt, and the two flours and stir well.

Heat a griddle over medium-high heat and rub the end of a stick of butter all over the surface of the pan to coat it well.

Drop heaping tablespoons of batter onto the griddle and cook for 3 minutes or until the underside of the pancake is golden brown and the top is slightly dry.

Gently flip the pancakes over (it might be easier to use 2 small spatulas to do this), and cook for another 2 minutes until the edges are barely crisp and both sides are golden brown.

Serve drizzled with additional melted butter, honey, or a dollop of sour cream, if desired.