



THE TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter
November, 2023



CBJ Calendar of Upcoming Events:

November 3, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Service (Zoom only)

November 9, 1:00: Sisterhood Macrame Workshop at CBJ

November 10, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Service (In-person and by Zoom) -Oneg hosted by Pam Sechoka and Susan Basiri, in memory of their mother, Mildred Goldberg

November 13, 7:00 pm: Sisterhood meeting (by Zoom)

November 17, 7:00 pm: **Broadway Shabbat Service** (Zoom only) **This service will be very special! Do not miss it!** Hear your favorite Shabbat prayers set to Broadway tunes by cantorial soloist, Deb Litt Rogers! Cantorial Soloist, Deb Rogers, brings her musical skills, vast repertoire, and deep knowledge of Jewish musical traditions to Friday night services, holidays, and other Temple events and programs. Her artistic talents have long been "at play" in music as a classically trained pianist and keyboardist, a talented singer and a guitar player.

November 22nd: RSVPs due for trip to the Boston Mikvah (see the article for details)

November 24, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Service (Thanksgiving) (Zoom only)

December 1: RSVPs due for Family Chanukah Service and Dinner

December 1, 7:00 pm: Shabbat Service (Zoom only)

December 3, 9:00 am: Bus leaves Plymouth for a **special tour and program at Boston's community Mikvah, and lunch at a Newton Jewish Deli**. See the article for details!

December 8, 6:00 pm: Chanukah Dinner at the Loring Center (See the article for details)

December 8, 7:00 pm: Chanukah Shabbat Service led by our Beit Sefer students (in-person and by Zoom)

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

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



The Essential Prayers and Songs for Our Shabbat Evening Services

To access a document with YouTube videos of the prayers and songs that we sing at our Shabbat evening services, [click here](#).



**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

**You Are Invited!
RSVP by November 22nd**



All CBJ Members and Friends are invited to join our Beit Sefer students and parents for a special tour and program at Mayyim Hayyim, Boston's community Mikvah and education center on Sunday morning, December 3rd. A bus will be leaving from Plymouth (location to be announced) at 9 am that morning to take us to the mikvah and then enjoy lunch at a delicious Newton Jewish Deli.

Please **RSVP to rsvp@cbjplymouth.org**. **Space on the bus is limited and hot pastrami, and a k'nish is too good to miss.**

The cost for the bus and the tour of the mikvah is \$15 a person (lunch is not included) [Click here to pay on the CBJ website](#). Be sure to indicate that the payment is for the Mikvah program. Alternatively, you may send a check to:

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



Responding to Allegations Regarding Israel (A statement published by the ADL)

Allegation: “Israel is a Settler Colonialist Enterprise”

Ascribing the term settler colonialism to Jewish self-determination is inaccurate. Linking Israel to historical actions that the international community has renounced serves to negate Israel’s legitimacy.

- Jews, like Palestinians, are native and indigenous to the land. The Land of Israel is integral to the Jewish religion and culture. The Europeans who settled in colonies in the Middle East and North Africa were not indigenous or native to the land in any way.

- From the time of the exile the religion, language, culture, holidays, rituals, liturgy, and history of the Jews are permeated with a yearning for a return to the Land of Israel. No colonialists came to a homeland and revived the ancient tongue they had spoken there.

- There is no “motherland” to which the Jewish population in the land of Israel may otherwise return. Instead, most Jews who immigrate to Israel use the word “return” to describe the act of making their home in the Jewish state.

- Until the State of Israel was established in 1948, Jews immigrated to the Land of Israel of their own volition, not directed nor overseen by any state or military power like colonialists.

Allegation: Israel Commits Acts of Genocide

Israel is sometimes accused of committing acts of “genocide” against the Palestinians. Genocide is a legal term, and in no way do Israeli policies and actions meet this legal threshold.

- The sensationalist use of the term genocide is not only inaccurate and misleading, but it serves to demonize the State of Israel and to diminish recognized acts of genocide.

- While one may oppose and even condemn particular Israeli policies or actions with regard to Palestinians or Israel’s Arab citizens, the fact remains that in no way has Israel engaged in any action with the intent to exterminate, in whole or in part, the Palestinian people.

- It is deeply concerning that Israel is often the only country in the world accused by activist groups of contemporaneously engaging in genocide.

- Claiming as some do, that there are many “types” of genocide, and Israel is, for example, committing “cultural” genocide, is equally problematic.

Allegation: If You Fight for Racial Justice in the U.S., You Must Join the Campaign Against Israel

Some activists have presented the fight for Palestinians rights as the same as the fight for racial justice in the United States. The root of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one of competing national narratives and claims to territory by two indigenous peoples, not the American experience of systemic racial inequality.

- One can be an advocate for both Jewish & Palestinian civil rights, self-determination & statehood
- This is not to diminish the realities of Palestinian hardships or calling out racism in Israel.
- We also can't downplay the threats posed to Israelis from terrorists based in Gaza and beyond.
- Israel has a strong record on socially progressive issues.
- Conflating these two very different situations is counterproductive in calling for solutions.

Allegation: Israel is an Apartheid State

Apartheid usually refers to the guiding policy of racial segregation in pre-1990s South Africa. The accusation of apartheid fundamentally distorts what Israel is.

- Apartheid was a racist, repressive system, by which South Africa's white minority enforced its domination over 90 percent of the country's population.
- The use of this inaccurate and highly charged label is also counterproductive to resolving issues related to injustices within Israeli society or the complex Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- Israeli laws and democratic institutions, including the independent courts and robust free press are assigned to uphold and speak out for equal treatment of all citizens, Jewish or Arab.
- Representing over 20% of Israel's population, Israeli Arab citizens serve as judges, ambassadors, legislators, journalists, professors, artists and play prominent roles in all aspects of Israeli society.
- While Israel's policies and practices can certainly be criticized, it is not factually accurate to say they are akin to a permanent and institutionalized system motivated and designed by racism.
- Justice Richard Goldstone - a former senior South African jurist and critic of Israeli policies:
"those who conflate the situations in Israel and the West Bank and liken both to the old South Africa do a disservice to all who hope for justice and peace."

Allegation: Israel is Committing Ethnic Cleansing

While there is no precise definition of ethnic cleansing under international law, the charge suggests that Israel is systematically working to rid its territory of Palestinians, including Israeli Arab citizens.

- Arab Israeli citizens enjoy full rights of citizenship, with safeguards for their equal treatment.
- While Israel must do better in dealing with issues of institutionalized bias, discrimination, inequity and racism, its policies and actions in no way constitutes ethnic cleansing.
- There is no significant Israeli ideology, movement, policy, or plan to exterminate or expel the Palestinian population from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
- Policies towards the Palestinians are based on security concerns and the need to defend its population in the face of terrorist threats.

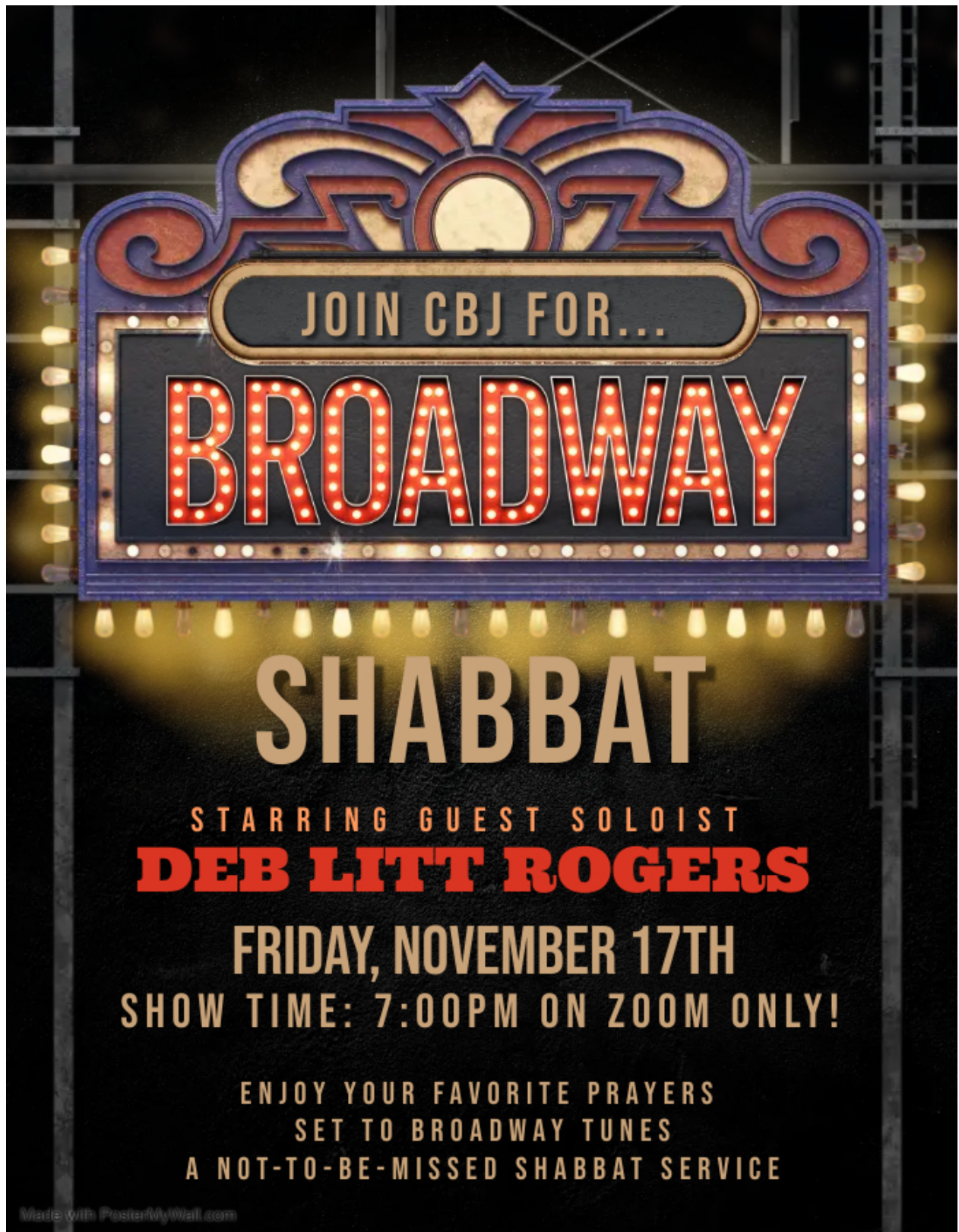
Allegation: Israel's Actions Can be Compared to the Nazis

The murder of six million Jews and millions of others carried out by the Nazis and their collaborators was the largest recorded genocide in modern history. Absolutely no comparison can be made between the complex Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the atrocities committed by the Nazis against the Jews.

- There is not now, nor has there been, a significant Israeli ideology, movement, policy, or plan to exterminate the Palestinian population.
- By comparing Israel to Nazis, some seek to label Israel as a singularly, uniquely evil state on earth, playing upon old antisemitic stereotypes that treat Jews as demonic and uniquely evil.
- It is a charge that is purposefully directed at Jews in an effort to associate the victims of Nazi crimes with the Nazi perpetrators and serves to diminish the significance and uniqueness of the Holocaust.

**Calling All Lovers of Broadway Music:
Do Not Miss This Very Special Shabbat Service!**

**Broadway Shabbat!
November 17th at 7:00 pm by Zoom only**



Simchat Torah 2023 at CBJ!



You had to have been there to appreciate how amazing this service was!

Following a CBJ tradition that Rabbi Mills started last year, congregants helped to hold and support the parchment as the Torah was completely unrolled at the conclusion of the book of Deuteronomy and we began the cycle of readings with the first words of Genesis. This is an experience that we will long remember!

We also joyfully carried the Torahs 7 times around the sanctuary as we celebrated this festive holiday.

Thank you to Allan Sherman and Marci Swede, who attended the services as a guest with her husband, Bruce, for taking photos of this! [Click here to see more of them!](#)

CELEBRATE



AT THE
LORING
CENTER

CHANUKAH

Friday, December 8



6:00 pm: Family Chanukah Service
7:00 pm: Latkes, Chicken, Salad, and More Dinner

RSVP by December 1 for the Dinner

RSVP@cbjpymouth.org

Member price: \$18 adult, \$10 children 12 and under

Non-member price: \$25 adult, \$15 children 12 and under

Vegatarian Entree Available by Request

Learn something new about Chanukah at our Student-Led Service

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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:

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Brotherhood Bowling!

The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month at 4:30 pm (Please note earlier start time!)

At Kingston Ten Pins

We'll be bowling the first and third Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm. We bowl 3 strings and pay only the special rate of \$4.50/string. You don't need to have any equipment, as bowling shoe rental is available for a small additional fee, and there is a large selection of balls to use. This is a great way to get together with other members of Brotherhood, renew old friendships, and make new ones. You don't have to be good at bowling to participate - all you need is a good sense of humor! Contact Seth Teles at scteles@aol.com or Arnold Gladstein at aralglad@verizon.net and let us know if you would like to join us. Is your spouse or significant other welcome? Of course!



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 enjoy singing? 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. Are you willing to take over the compilation and editing of our annual Yizkor Book? There are so many different ways that your skills could enhance CBJ!

Please contact our co-Presidents, Devon Fernald and Dianne Bluestein, if you are able to help.

president@cbjplymouth.org



Please Volunteer to Sponsor an Oneg!

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 Aharoni (ahabubs@gmail.com) if you would like to host an Oneg following one of our in-person services. Barbara can provide advice about what items are popular, such as fresh fruit, nuts, baked goods (not necessarily homemade), ice cream with toppings, etc. It's a mitzvah!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Dave and Deb Daur
5 Whitcomb Garden
Plymouth, MA 02360

Dave and Deb moved from Milton to The Pinehills in 2021. They previously were members of Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills, Milton, for 35 years.

Dave is a Creative/Art Director, graphic artist and fine artist, who paints in Acrylics and watercolors. In his free time, he enjoys walking, swimming, jogging and cooking.

Deb is a retired Registered Nurse and part-time Reiki Practitioner. She enjoys dancing, reading, baking, exercising, theater, and travel.

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:

Meredith Glansberg - in memory of her father, Ken Glansberg



How is Sukkot Similar to Thanksgiving?

Our Beit Sefer students visited the Plimoth Patuxet Museum on Sukkot to learn how Thanksgiving and Sukkot are related. When they entered the replica of the Pilgrim house, an old woman, dressed in authentic attire, was studying her Bible. As the student approached, the woman said, "I am reading about how the Hebrew people who had escaped from Egypt lived in booths in the desert. I do not understand what a booth is. Can you explain it to me?" What an amazingly creative way to engage our students in a discussion of the relationship between our festival of Sukkot and the Pilgrim celebration of Sukkot! [To see more photos of this visit, click here.](#)

Beit Sefer News



Students at CBJ's Religious School master the skills of Hebrew reading, learn the ritual prayers and songs that are integral to our religious services, learn about Jewish history and the lessons about Jewish values and ethics in the Torah - all taught in an engaging and creative way. Students have become comfortable and familiar with being on the Bimah and leading portions of Shabbat services long before their Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremonies. Continuing Jewish education is encouraged through Confirmation and engagement with Jewish Youth Groups in the Greater South Shore area .

Updated School Calendar for 2023-2024

[Click here to see the School Calendar for 2023-2024.](#)

Topics for Upcoming Beit Sefer Classes

October 29, 2023 Session 3: Welcoming a Baby

November 5, 2023 Session 4: Consecration/Mezuzah

November 12, 2023 Session 5: B'nai Mitzvah/Confirmation

November 19, 2023 Session 6: Marriage/Chupah

November 26, 2023 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving



**The Next Sisterhood Meeting
Monday, November 13th, at 7:00 pm by Zoom**

Regular Monthly Sisterhood Meetings: will be held on the second Monday of each month. Your input is important to us! What sorts of programs would YOU like to participate in during the coming months? Future potential events include a macrame workshop, and book discussion night and a series of programs focusing on Jewish Women of Action. Please come to the meeting and share your ideas!

The Zoom link for Sisterhood meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81885106141?pwd=dHd6LzMzSTRJZ2J6VmM2WIBZenpXZz09>

Meeting ID: 818 8510 6141

Passcode: 579857

**The Next Sisterhood Event
A Macrame Workshop!
November 9th at 1:00 pm At CBJ
RSVPs Requested!**



Have you ever wanted to learn how to do macrame? Our next Sisterhood program is a macrame workshop, led by Laney Kalaminsky. This workshop is appropriate for all levels of experience. Laney will teach us how to make a macrame bracelet or water bottle tote, and she will provide all of the materials we need. If you have a particular project in mind that you would like to make, please let Laney know in advance so that she can obtain the instructions and materials needed in advance.

RSVP to Laney at ekalaminsky@gmail.com.



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 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.

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.

Ruby Membership: _____ \$25.00

Emerald Membership: _____ \$36.00

Diamond Membership: _____ \$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.



WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN CBJ's BROTHERHOOD

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 has also restarted their bowling nights on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. This is an excellent opportunity for members to bond and share the often hilarious experience of what is loosely called "bowling." (You don't have to be an expert bowler to join the fun - just have a sense of humor!)

Brotherhood also provides $\frac{3}{4}$ of its 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, with the exception of the Covid pandemic. 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 (\$25)____ Mitzvah Membership (\$36)____

Make your check payable to: CBJ Brotherhood

Please indicate "Dues Payment" and mail to:

Seth Teles, 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360



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

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

November

1 Charlotte Roe Gerber	15 Edith Zavalcofsky
1 Elissa Teles	16 Barbara Papell Garcia
3 Celia Bello	16 Helen R. Kramer
3 Bernard T. Resnick	17 Bessie Kramer
4 Mildred Resnick Segal	17 Kebe Toabe
5 Esther Carlson	18 Morris Russo
5 Sadye R. Meltzer	21 Celia Starr
6 Herman Roe	22 Albert Shiff
7 Bernard Feinberg	24 Anne Helene Berg
7 George Gleason	24 Harris Kaplowitz
7 Eunice Dezorett Millstein	24 William Lashin
7 Israel Pokross	25 Linda Lamel
9 Edward F. Baler	26 Albert Lesser
10 Danella "Penny" Baum	27 Ezra Goldstein
10 Sidney Shuman	27 Saul Padlusky
11 Julius Meltzer	28 Bert Kagan
12 Abraham Goldberg	29 Molla B. Jacobson
12 Bertha Goldberg	29 Sara Sherman
15 Joseph Cohen	30 Theodore Aaron Greene
15 Mildred Goldberg	30 Borris Sackheim
15 Minna Matross	
15 Louis Resnick	
15 Rachel Yutan	

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

Recipe for Sweet Potato Casserole



This dish is perfect for your Thanksgiving dinner. It is so nicely sweet, you may want to serve it for dessert.

Ingredients

3 Cups cooked and mashed sweet potatoes, cooled
1 Cup brown sugar, packed
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 tsp. Pure vanilla extract
1/2 Cup whole milk (or Almond milk)
1/2 Cup butter (or margarine), melted

Topping:

1/2 Cup brown sugar, packed
1/3 Cup flour
1/3 Cup melted butter (or margarine)
1 Cup chopped pecans
1 tsp. cinnamon optional)

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter a 2-quart casserole dish and set aside. In a large bowl, combine the sweet potatoes, brown sugar, eggs, vanilla, milk and butter. Blend completely. Spoon into the baking dish. In a medium bowl, combine the topping ingredients. Sprinkle over the top of the sweet potatoes. Bake at 350° for 30-45 minutes or until the top is browned and the center is not jiggly.

Prep. time: 20 minutes plus potato baking time

Cooking time: 30-45 minutes

Serves: 12

Nutritional Information

Servings 12; Serving Size 1/2 cup (119g); Calories 350; Calories from fat 180; Total fat 20g; Cholesterol 70mg; Sodium 150mg; Carbohydrate 40g; Dietary Fiber 2g; Sugars 30g; Protein 3g.