



THE TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter
May, 2025



CBJ Calendar of Upcoming Events:

May 2, 7:00 pm: Erev Yom Ha'Atzmaut/Hadassah Service. (Hybrid) The Oneg is being sponsored by Louis Goldman.

Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm: Sisterhood event: Performance at Plymouth Memorial Hall by the acclaimed Celtic fiddle player, Eileen Ivers, at Plymouth Memorial Hall, followed by an early dinner at Martini's Restaurant. To make a dinner reservation, send an email to Ronnie Hirschhorn (aprocess@aol.com)

May 5: **RSVPs are DUE for Lag B'Omer Outdoor Erev Shabbat BBQ** at the home of Dianne and David Bluestein. The address and directions will be provided when you RSVP. rsvp@cbjpymouth.org

May 9, 12:00 noon: Rabbi Mills is honored to have been selected as one of the 3 panelists at this year's Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Empowering Women's Luncheon which will take place at The Pavillion in the Golf Club at The Pinehills. Reservations are required for the luncheon. [Click here for details and to make your reservation if you would like to attend.](#)

May 9, Lag B'Omer Outdoor Erev Shabbat Service. 6:00 pm: Enjoy a hot dog dinner with s'mores over the campfire, followed by our Erev Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm featuring Rachmiel Klein, at the home of David and Dianne Bluestein. (hybrid). RSVP to rsvp@cbjpymouth.org

May 12, 7:00 pm: Sisterhood meeting (Zoom)

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service with Torah study and bagel brunch. **Please rsvp to Rabbi Mills if you are planning to attend in person so that she knows how many bagels to order.** (cbjpymouthrabbi@gmail.com) Thank you to Sisterhood for sponsoring the bagel brunch for each of our monthly Shabbat morning services!

May 23, 7:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Service (Zoom only)

May 30, 7:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Service preceding Cooper Campanella's becoming a Bar Mitzvah The Oneg following this service is being hosted by the Capanella Family. (hybrid)

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 am: Cooper Campenella will be called to the Torah and will become a Bar Mitzvah. The kiddush following the service is being hosted by the Campanella Family

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

**CBJ's Community Passover Seder
On Sunday, April 13th, at Hotel 1620, Was Enjoyed by All!**







PLYMOUTH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

EMPOWERING WOMEN

AN UPLIFTING DAY OF INSPIRATION

Join us for an unforgettable luncheon, where inspiration meets action & women uplift each other to reach new heights of success & empowerment!

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JOIN US FOR GOOD™

Friday, May 9th
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Registration begins at 11:00am

**The Pavilion at
Pinehills Golf Club**

54 Clubhouse Drive, Plymouth, MA

TICKETS

MEMBERS: \$75

NON-MEMBERS: \$100

TABLES OF 9: \$700



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**Join the Religious Action Center of MA (RAC-MA) for a Campaign
Town Hall!
May 15th (Zoom)**



We invite you to participate in the virtual RAC-MA Campaign Town Halls on May 15th, where you'll have the opportunity to learn about potential campaign options and help shape the direction of RAC-MA's advocacy for the next two years. Two of CBJ's Hebrew School graduates attended the RAC L'Taken conference in Washington, D.C. last month.

Your voice matters as we work together to address the most urgent issues facing Massachusetts. This is a chance to engage in meaningful discussion and make an impact on the future of our advocacy efforts. We hope to see you there!

Choose from two convenient Zoom sessions:

[12:30 - 2:00 pm](#)

[7:00 - 8:30 pm](#)



What is Counting the Omer About?

The Omer was an ancient Hebrew measure of grain. Biblical law (Leviticus 23:9-11) forbade any use of the new barley crop until an omer was brought as an offering to the Temple in Jerusalem. The Book of Leviticus (23:15-16) also commanded: "And from the day on which you bring the offering . . . you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete." This commandment led to the traditional practice of S'firat HaOmer, or "Counting the Omer."

The seven weeks of counting the Omer spans the 49 days between the second day of Passover and the beginning of Shavuot (from April 13th through nightfall on June 1st this year.)

After the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 C.E., the Omer offering could no longer be observed. But the practice of counting the Omer continued and is still observed by many Jews.

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

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

**DROP OFF FROM
END OF PASSOVER
UNTIL THE END OF
SHAVUOT:
SUNDAY JUNE 1**

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

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Holiday Observances This Month



Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzaut (April 30-May 1)

Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, four new holidays have been added to the Jewish calendar – Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day), Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day), and Yom Y'rushalayim (Jerusalem Day, which celebrates the reunification of the city in 1967). In Israel, these days are observed as national holidays; around the world, they are observed in various ways by Jewish communities.

The Israeli Knesset (parliament) established the day that precedes Yom HaAtzmaut as Yom HaZikaron, a day to memorialize soldiers who lost their lives fighting in the War of Independence and subsequent battles, as well as a day to remember civilian victims of terrorism.

Yom HaAtzmaut marks the anniversary of the establishment of the modern state of Israel. It is observed on or near the 5th of the Hebrew month of Iyar on the Jewish calendar, [To see a YouTube video of Israel's national anthem, "Hatikva" with Hebrew and English lyrics, click here.](#)

Lag B'Omer (May 16)

Lag BaOmer is a minor, festive holiday that falls on the 33rd day of the seven-week period between Passover and Shavuot, a period of time known as the Omer. (The numerical value of the Hebrew letter lamed is 30, and the value of gimel is three; lamed and gimel together are pronounced "lahg.") This holiday gives us a break from the semi-mourning restrictions (no parties or events with music, no weddings, no haircuts) that are customarily in place for some Jewish communities during the Omer.

The Omer has both agricultural and spiritual significance: it marks both the spring cycle of planting and harvest, and the Israelites' journey out of slavery in Egypt (Passover) and toward receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai (Shavuot). An omer ("sheaf") is an ancient Hebrew measure of grain. Biblical law forbade any use of the new barley crop until after an omer was brought as an offering to the Temple in Jerusalem. The Book of Leviticus (23:15-16) also commanded: "And from the day on which you bring the offering...you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete." This commandment led to the practice of the S'firat HaOmer, or the 49 days of the "Counting of the Omer," which begins on the second day of Passover and ends with the celebration of Shavuot on the 50th day. Lag BaOmer commemorates a variety of historical events, including the end of a plague that killed many students of Rabbi Akiva (c. 50-135 C.E.), the yahrzeit of 2nd-century mystical scholar Shimon bar Yochai, and a Jewish military victory over Roman forces in 66 C.E. In remembrance of these events, some people celebrate with picnics and bonfires. Many couples in Israel choose to get married on Lag BaOmer, and many people also choose to wait until that day to get a haircut or beard trim.

Congregation Beth Jacob

LAG B'OMER
CELEBRATION
Hot Dog BBQ

FRIDAY MAY 9, 2019 @ 6:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY LAG B'OMER SERVICES

A SERVICE AROUND THE CAMPFIRE
FEATURING THE MUSIC OF RACHMIEL
LED BY OUR BEIT SEFER STUDENTS
Service at the Bluestein home

RSVP
by
May 5

rsvp@cbjplymouth.org

RSVP to rsvp@cbjplymouth.org to let us know how many hotdogs to buy. Please include your name(s) and the number of people coming with you.

The Bluesteins' address and directions to their house will be provided to everyone who sends an RSVP.



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

Ready for a Little Humor?



In these times, who doesn't need a little good, clean humor? This is a YouTube video recording from a classic album from the 1960's, in the era of LP records, long before 8-Tracks, CDs, or DVDs were invented, entitled "You Don't Have to be Jewish."

The track that tickled me the most way back then, and still does, is the first one on the album called "A Call from Long Island." It features the voice of Betty Walker. [Click here to hear it](#). Enjoy!

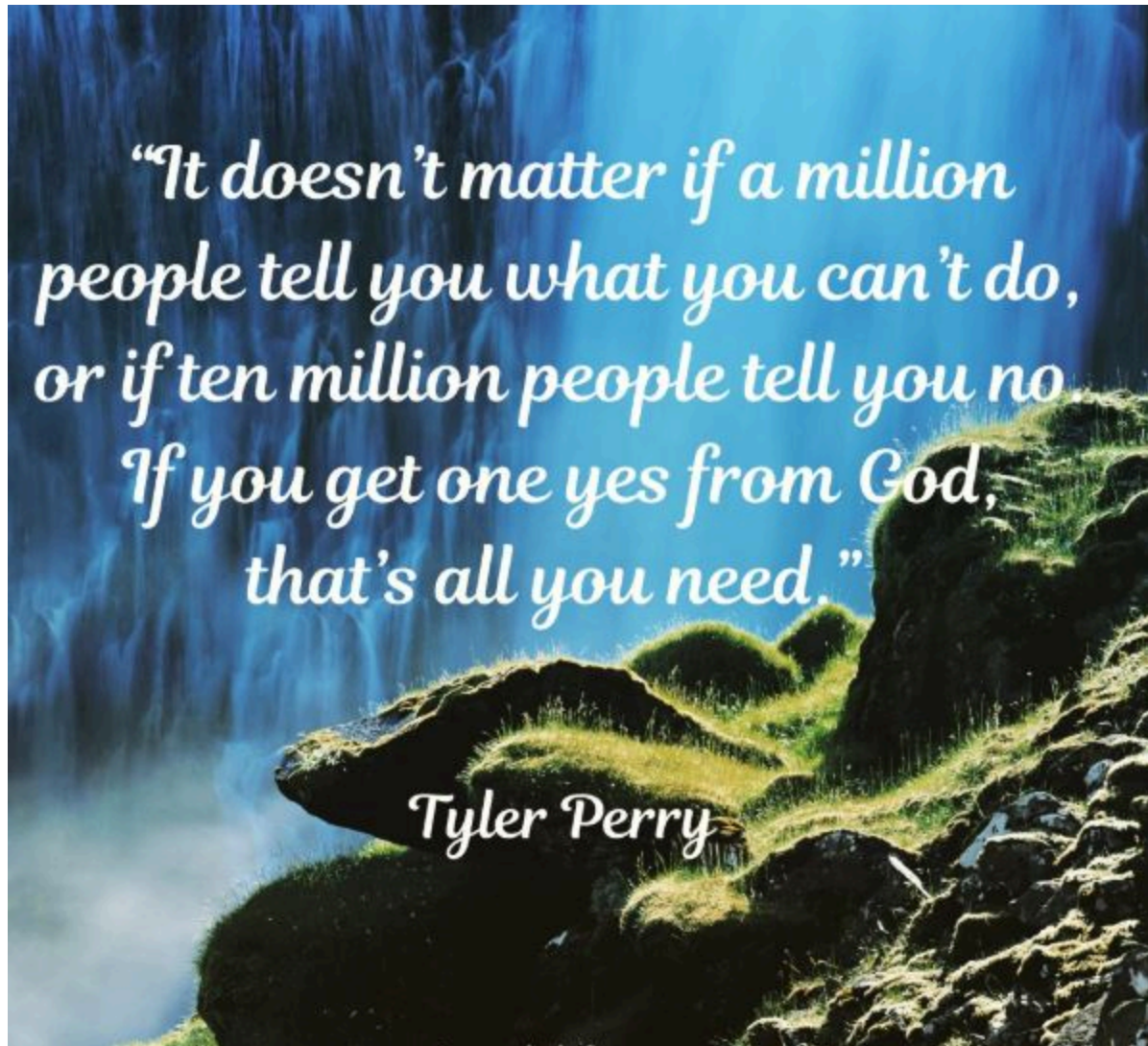
[If you would like to hear the ENTIRE album, click here.](#) (You're welcome!)

CBJ On The Move



The search continues for CBJ's future new home - one that is located in our historic town of Plymouth, is fully handicap accessible, offers adequate parking, space to hold social and education events, an inviting environment for our Hebrew School students to meet and learn, a kitchen that is large enough to accommodate congregational dinners, one that affords us the space to grow and flourish. While the search has been frustrating and is taking far longer than we had hoped, we are confident that our goal is achievable. All we need is one - the right one.

Updated information about our search for a new building is being provided to our congregants and friends through a separate communication.



Brotherhood News



Brotherhood Bowling The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month at 3:00 pm at Kingston Ten Pins

We'll be bowling the first and third Wednesday of every month at 3:00 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. 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@cbjpymouth.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.

When you are a member of our congregation, you are asked to step forward **once a year** to host or sponsor an Oneg Shabbat for the members who attend services in person. Sponsors are asked to contribute \$54.00 to cover the cost for the Oneg. We will purchase the foods for the Oneg table, set up and clean up. [Click here to sign up for a specific date and pay.](#) If you prefer, you may send a check, payable to CBJ Sisterhood, to Cindy Teles at 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360.

Hosts are expected to purchase or bake the items for the Oneg and be there in person to help to set up and clean up. The choice of food items is up to you. The Oneg can be as elaborate or as simple as you like.

Please contact our Oneg Coordinator, Trish Garland ((trishrgarland@gmail.com) if you would like to sponsor or host an Oneg. Trish 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

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:

- Virginia Davis, in loving memory of Lois Klasky
- Ina Culter, in loving memory of Lois Klasky
- Rosina Hoey, in loving memory of Lois Klasky
- Ellen Landers, in loving memory of Lois Klasky
- Doris Blake, in loving memory of Lois Klasky
- Martin & Marge Starr, in loving memory of Susan Star
- Joseph & Paula Keller, in loving memory of I. Harry Keller
- Stephen & Jackie Winokur - In loving memory of I Harry Keller and Terri Wax
- Sara Minsky & Diana Meyers - In Loving Memory of Lois Klasky from Sara Minsky and Diana Meyers
- Phyllis Coffman & Alan Strom - In Loving Memory of Lois Klasky

Rabbi Discretionary Fund:

- Don and Carol Gilbert In Loving Memory of Carol's mother, Charlotte Lippman

General Fund:

Phyllis Klasky, in appreciation to Rabbi Mills for her compassionate support after the death of her mother, Lois Klasky

In Support of the Food and Diaper Drive:

Ann Geller & family

General Fund in Support of CBJ's Musical Shabbatot with Rachmiel Klein:

Judith & Allan Sherman



Funding for Rachmiel Klein's Monthly Musical Performances

Rachmiel has been a featured songleader at our Shabbat services over the past several months, adding a new vibrancy and joy to our worship. His fee is partially subsidized by generous donations from a congregant, together with contributions from the Ray & Milly Russo Fund for Music and the Arts and the Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life. If you have been enjoying the music of Rachmiel Klein at our services, you may wish to contribute to those funds to replenish them.

[Click here for a list of funds where donations may be made.](#)

[Click here to make a donation online.](#)



Mi Sheberach (Prayers for Healing)

We pray for the Healing and Recovery of the following people, as well as all of those throughout the world who are suffering from violence, war and famine:

Michael Weiner
 Isabelle Davis
 Ina Lashin
 Brian Lashin
 Joseph Keller
 Tracey Gutman
 John R. Sore
 Susan Basiri
 Mary Ellen Dalgren
 Maryann Leonard
 Sandy Magnes Silverman
 Julian Lindquist
 Erin Sullivan
 Linda Daubert
 Benjamin Canter Stone
 Ed Sore
 Leslie Portney
 Joe Batista

Richie Cebel
 Michael Marcus
 Susan Penchansky
 Callan Crowley
 Lynne Matson
 Judith Orr
 Sandy Batista
 Lauren DeFranzo
 Carol Williams
 Nan Noble
 Gary Gersten
 Jeff Shelly
 Jerry Levine
 Eileen Blumenthal
 Andrea Weiss
 Roberta Estep
 Chris Davis

[To hear the beautiful song, Heal Us Now, performed by Hazamir Hasharon, click here.](#)



Yahrzeits That Will be Observed This Month

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

May 2025

- 1 Morris Binday - Barbara Barron's father
- 1 Morton Hollander - Robin Goldstein's uncle
- 1 Jacob Keller
- 2 Allan Elowitz (Croitoru) - Ronald Elowitz's father
- 2 Estelle Pokross Sherman - Hy Sherman's wife; Allan Sherman's aunt
- 3 Estelle Epstein - Suzanne Goldberg's mother
- 3 Lillian Goober - Lynne Bryan's mother
- 3 Frances Riback - Ronnie Hirschhorn's mother
- 3 Celia Sadow
- 3 Fannie D. Shiff - Ethel Shiff's mother-in-law
- 4 Samuel B. Fortunow
- 7 Harry Jacobson
- 8 Helen Pearce - David Sollar's grandmother
- 8 Silvia Siegel - Rabbi Mills' aunt
- 10 Maurice Treppel - Jerry Treppel's father
- 11 Arthur E. Jacobs - Michelle Baken's father
- 11 Muriel Swartz - Linda Hurwitz mother
- 12 Miles Herman - former President
- 12 William Lippman - Carol Gilbert's father
- 14 Avi Teles Hunemorder - Seth Teles' sister
- 15 Frank L. Simons - Lanie Katzew's father
- 16 Stella S. Bromberg - Milly Russo's mother
- 16 Arnold B. Shelly - Jeff Shelly's father
- 16 Louis Waterman
- 18 Harvey F. Cohen - Debbie Cohen's uncle
- 19 Sheila Finer - Past President, Carl Finer's wife
- 19 Sidney Jacobs - Debbie Dauer's father
- 21 Miriam Polak Lelyveld - Susanne Lelyveld Wittenberg family
- 22 Kalman Aharoni - Barbara Aharoni's father
- 23 Joseph Epstein - Suzanne Goldberg's father
- 24 Abraham Goldberg Past President; Celia Goldberg's husband
- 25 Ida Portnoy
- 25 David Rodman - Former Board member
- 26 Lucille Arons - Manny Arons' wife; Paula Keller's and Cindy Teles' mother
- 26 Annie F. Goldman - Ethel Shiff's mother
- 27 Jacob Erie - Laney Kalaminsky's grandfather
- 28 Marc Lipetz - Irene Sarke's brother
- 30 Rebecca Frim

30 Lawrence Geller - Anne Geller's husband/CBJ member
30 Ada Greenberg - Alyce Gladstein's mother
30 Ralph Holler - Roberta Holler's husband
30 Bessie A. Resnick - CBJ member
31 Rae Baron - Joel Baron's mother
31 Rose Sherman Geller - Allan Sherman's aunt

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

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 .

School Calendar for 2024-2025

[Click here to see the Updated School Calendar for 2024-2025..](#)

Topics for Upcoming Beit Sefer Classes

May 4: Yom Ha'Atzmaut
May 11: No School - Mother's Day
May 18: Shavuot: Ruth and Naomi



The Next Sisterhood Meeting Monday, May 12th, at 7:00 pm by Zoom

Regular Monthly Sisterhood Meetings: are 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 mystery ride, game night, a pot luck lunch, a talent show, getting together for a movie/restaurant, 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

Please Join Sisterhood!

Sisterhood has always been a backbone of CBJ, with its donation to the temple, the sponsoring of onegs and other events, and its various activities. In order for Sisterhood to continue in this vital role, we need you!!! **It is not necessary to be a member of CBJ to be a member of Sisterhood.**

There are 3 levels of dues.

\$25- ruby level

\$36- emerald level

\$54- diamond level

Please send your check, payable to CBJ Sisterhood, to Cindy Teles at 31 Birch Ave. Plymouth, MA 02360. Thank you!

Sisterhood's Next Social Event



**Join Sisterhood for an Irish Music Performance,
featuring world-acclaimed fiddler, Eileen Ivers
At Plymouth Memorial Hall, Sunday, May 4th at 3:00 pm
(with an early dinner at Martini's Restaurant following.)**

The deadline for ordering our group's concert tickets has passed, but you may purchase tickets to this performance on your own and then join us for dinner afterwards. Contact Ronnie Hirschhorn at aprocess@aol.com so that she can make a dinner reservation for you.



Sisterhood Application Form

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.

NEW! ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

You may now pay your Sisterhood dues online! [CLICK HERE](#)! Be sure to note that your payment is for Sisterhood dues. Thank you!

Recipe for Falafel (an iconic Israeli dish)



Falafel is sold on street corners in every city and town in Israel. Some call it the "Israeli hamburger." Its popularity can be attributed in no small part to the Yemenite Jews who have brought a particularly tasty version onto the culinary scene. Students living on a meager budget consume full-portion falafels in whole pitas on the sidewalks as their noon "dinner." This recipe makes 24 falafels.

INGREDIENTS

16 ounces canned chickpeas, drained
1 large onion, chopped
2 tablespoons parsley, finely chopped
1 egg
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 to 1 cup breadcrumbs or fine bulgur
1 teaspoon ground coriander or cumin
1 teaspoon dried hot peppers
1 teaspoon garlic powder
vegetable oil (for frying)

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine chickpeas with onion. Add parsley, lightly beaten egg and spices.
2. Mix in a blender. Add breadcrumbs until mixture forms a small ball without sticking to your hands.
3. Form chickpea mixture into small balls about the size of a quarter (one inch in diameter).
4. Flatten patties slightly and fry until golden brown on both sides.
5. Drain falafel balls on paper towels.
6. Serve individually with toothpicks as an hors d'oeuvre or as a sandwich filling with chopped tomato, cucumber, radish, lettuce, onion, hummus and/or tehina inside pita bread.