THE TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter
November, 2026



CBJ Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 6, Erev Shabbat SIGD Service
6:00 pm Dinner: Jewish food around the World (favorite family recipe)
SIGN UP HERE!
7:00 PM Service @ Christ Church (hybrid)
The Oneg is being sponsored by Sandy & Hyman Spekman, in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary and their grandson's 8th birthday.

November 7, 2:00 pm: Free showing of the film Hannah Arendt: Facing Tyranny at the Manomet Library (in memory of Kristallnacht) See the article.

November 9, 7:00 pm: Sisterhood meeting

November 13, 7:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Services with Rachmiel, at Christ Church (hybrid)
The Oneg is being sponsored by Sharon Aharoni Ravin & Beryl Ravin (sister/brother-in-law of Barbara Aharoni, in honor of Barbara's 80th birthday.

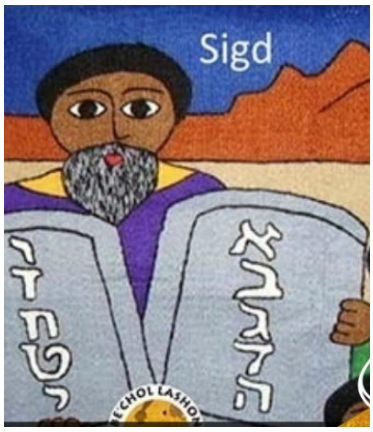
November 14, Plymouth Taskforce Benefit Concert to End Homelessness - The Yellowhouse Blues Band 8:00 pm at The Spire Center for Performing Arts. See details in the article.

November 22, 10:15 am: Shabbat Morning Service, Torah Study and bagel brunch at the Plymouth Public Library. In person only. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. (rsvp@cbjplymouth.org) Thank you, once again, to Sisterhood for sponsoring the Bagel Brunch!

November 27, 7:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Service (Thanksgiving weekend) (Zoom only)

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

What is SIGD?



An official Israeli holiday since 2008, SIGD (pronounced sihgd with one syllable) is celebrated on the 29th day of the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, exactly 50 days after Yom Kippur. It is a celebration of Torah, Israel, and community. The name “Sigd” means “prostration” in Ge’ez, an ancient South Semitic language. Sigd commemorates the Beta Israel peoples’ desire to return to Jerusalem that was originally expressed by the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah while exiled in Babylon. Sigd is also a time for renewing the Israelite covenant with God, preserving Jewish identity, fasting and praying in communal repentance, and creating unity.

Praying for the Great Temple in Jerusalem to be rebuilt is the central religious theme of Sigd. Upon the modern-day return of Jews to Israel, many Beta Israel questioned whether there was a need to continue celebrating Sigd if we already fulfilled the prophecy of returning to Israel. But because the Third Temple has never been restored, the religious mandates to observe Sigd remain, and the Beta Israel continue to recognize and observe the traditions of this special day.

History of Beta Israel; A Jewish community in Ethiopia — the Beta Israel (House of Israel) — has existed for at least 15 centuries. Most likely, the Beta Israel arrived in Ethiopia between the first and sixth centuries, coming as merchants or artisans from various countries in the region. Facing religious persecution in Ethiopia, more than 90,000 Beta Israel have made aliyah (immigrated) to Israel since 1977 through various emergency operations and through the Jewish Agency. Because they lived in complete isolation from other Jewish communities for so long, some Beta Israel holidays and celebrations do not exist in other Jewish communities.

For a good explanation of SIGD, click here.
To watch a short YouTube video explaining the customs and traditions of SIGD, click here.

Traditional Sigd Food and Drinks



Injera: A soft, spongy, and slightly sour flatbread made from fermented teff flour, which is a staple of Ethiopian cuisine and serves as an edible plate for other dishes. Wot: Stews that are commonly eaten with Injera.
Doro Wot: A spicy, flavorful chicken stew made with a rich blend of spices like berbere.
Lamb Stew: Hearty stews often featuring lamb, a popular meat in the region.



The **YellowHouse Blues Band** will bring its high-energy blend of blues, rock, soul and Motown to Plymouth on **Saturday, November 14, 2026**, for a special benefit concert supporting the **Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness**.

The concert will be held at **The Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25½ Court Street, Plymouth**. Doors open at **7:00 p.m.**, with music beginning at **8:00 p.m.**

The **YellowHouse Blues Band** has once again partnered with the Spire Center for Performing Arts to raise money for the Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness, whose mission is to end homelessness in the Plymouth, MA area.

Tickets are $49 and are available through Etix, or can be found at:
https://spirecenter.org/event/plymouth-taskforce-to-end-homelessness-fundraiser-ft-the-yellowhouse-blues-band/

Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness Benefit Concert
Featuring: YellowHouse Blues Band

Saturday, November 14, 2026
Doors: 7:00 p.m. | Show: 8:00 p.m.
The Spire Center for Performing Arts
25½ Court Street, Plymouth, MA
Tickets: $49

CBJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
Fall 2026 Update

L'Dor v'Dor
Building Today. Inspiring Tomorrow. Together.

OUR PROGRESS

$1,923,205
TOTAL RAISED



$2,500,000 GOAL

77% TOWARDS OUR GOAL

We need all of you to reach our goal!

Every gift matters. Your generosity helps build a stronger, more vibrant CBJ for our children, our families, and generations to come.

Together, we can make this vision a reality — L'Dor v'Dor, from generation to generation.



DONATIONS AND RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

We look forward to recognizing your generosity in our new home! There are many opportunities to honor and remember loved ones with your donation.

PLEASE NOTE: expectations are many rooms will be multi-functional.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

King Solomon	
Sanctuary	**$500,000**
Abraham & Sarah	
Social Hall	**$350,000**
Isaac & Rebekah	
Meeting room	**$150,000**
Rabbi's office	**$150,000**
Board room	**$150,000**
Jacob, Leah & Rachel	
Kitchen	**$50,000**
Children's playground	**$50,000**
Outdoor space	**$50,000**
Moses & Zipporah	
Podiums, Ark(s), Board furnishings	**$25,000**
Aaron & Elisheva	
Sound system	**$20,000**
Joseph & Asenath	
Various mezuzot	**$10,000**
King David & Bathsheva	
Lobby plaque	**(minimum) $5,000**

OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN CLAIMED TO DATE

- Sanctuary
- Chapel
- Lobby
- Children's Playground
- Outdoor Space
- Ark in Sanctuary
- Ark in Chapel
- Front Door Mezuzah
- Both Sanctuary Mezuzahs

No matter the amount, your donation plays an important role in helping to achieve our goal. To discuss your contribution to CBJ's new home, email president@CBJPlymouth.org, or call 508-746-1575.

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

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CONGREGATION BETH JACOB
PLYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

Build Our Future
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

TURN YOUR APPRECIATED STOCK *Into a Gift to CBJ*

A WIN-WIN FOR YOU AND CBJ!



Your investment can help build our future — while potentially providing significant tax benefits to you.

If you own stock that has increased substantially in value, donating that appreciated stock to Congregation Beth Jacob's Capital Campaign may be a very tax-efficient way to make your gift.

CBJ receives a meaningful contribution toward our new home.
You may receive a charitable deduction and potentially avoid capital-gains tax on the appreciation.

It truly can be a WIN-WIN!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1 Set up a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

A DAF can be established through a financial institution that sponsors donor-advised funds.

Examples include:

- Fidelity Charitable
- Jewish Communal Fund

2 Fund your DAF with appreciated stock

Instruct your brokerage firm to transfer the designated appreciated stock directly to your DAF.

3 Recommend a gift to CBJ

Once the stock is in your DAF, instruct the DAF to make a charitable grant to Congregation Beth Jacob's Capital Campaign.

That's it!

Your gift can help make our new home a reality.

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE

The Cohen Family

The Cohens purchased ABC stock for $5,000. Today, that stock is worth $50,000.

If they donate the appreciated stock to a DAF and recommend a $50,000 grant to CBJ:

$50,000	Current value of stock
– $5,000	Original purchase price
= $45,000	**Appreciation**

Depending on their individual tax circumstances and applicable tax rules, the Cohens may be able to:

- Receive a charitable deduction based on the donated value
- Avoid capital-gains tax on the appreciation
- Make a $50,000 gift to CBJ

CBJ receives $50,000.

The Cohen family receives potential tax benefits.

Our entire congregation moves one step closer to our new home.

COULD APPRECIATED STOCK BE A SMART WAY FOR YOU TO GIVE?

If you have appreciated stocks or other investments, talk with your financial adviser or tax professional about whether this strategy makes sense for you.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

If you'd like to talk about this in more detail — or are interested in a contact who can help you explore setting up a DAF through Jewish Communal Fund — please contact:

Gary Gersten
garygersten1020@gmail.com

L'Dor v'Dor — From Generation to Generation



REFLECTIONS FROM THE RABBI

To vote in an Israeli election, an Israeli citizen must be physically present and therefore in the last week or so, thousands of Israeli Americans have traveled to Israel in order to cast their votes in the election which is being held on Tuesday October 27. This election is the most crucial of my lifetime for the Jewish state for as Rabbi Josh Weinberg wrote "Israel's election on Tuesday is about far more than who will occupy the Prime Minister's office, and how many Knesset seats each party will receive. It is about the character of the State, the future of Zionism, and the relationship between Israel and Jews around the world. Will Israel strengthen democracy, embrace equality, religious pluralism, and the rule of law? Or will it continue down a path in which territorial maximalism, religious coercion, and Jewish privilege are elevated above other Jewish values?". By the time you read this message, the votes will have been cast and we will have partial answers to these questions.

The answers will have an impact well beyond Israel's borders. The election results will also define our relationship as American Jews to Israel. Will Israel continue on its path away from democracy and pluralism or will it veer away and once again work toward bringing peace to all inhabitants of the land. Israel is a deeply divided country and its recent actions have led to Americans becoming more deeply divided than ever before over their basic support of the Jewish homeland. Let us pray that Tuesday election results will usher in a new era and one that moves Israel towards peace and tolerance. In closing, I would like to share the following poem written by Cantor Tamar Havillio.

Oh dear God,
I pray for all of the little tiny notes.
The notes at the Kotel that cry out in pain,
The notes to buy groceries on the refrigerator door.
The notes on the hand to remember everything.
The notes that say thank you to the community.
The notes that we sing and pray each day that fly to the angels above.
The notes that we write in love.
This one little note dear God that I choose so carefully and place in an envelope and then into the big blue election box.
I pray for all of these notes to bring about change, to bring more hope and dear God, please God to bring peace. Amen



Israel after the election: A Reform Movement Perspective

November 10
1:00 p.m. ET | 10:00 a.m. PT

What do the Israeli election results mean for Israel's future and for the Reform Movement? Join us for a post-election analysis of the results, possible governing coalitions, and the implications for Israeli democracy, religious pluralism, and Israel-Diaspora relations. Together, we'll explore what's at stake for Reform Jews in Israel and North America, and how our communities can stay informed, engaged, and connected to the work ahead.

Register

https://urj.tfaforms.net/2053?interests=israel&utm_campaign=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=10/23/2026__EmailJobID-9530532___

This webinar will be recorded and shared with you if you register but cannot attend.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS 

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Elysia, David, and Aviva Solomon

Elysia and her 7-year old daughter, Aviva, moved from Chicago to Duxbury about a year ago. Elysia is an attorney with a specialization in healthcare law. Her father, David, is retired. Aviva is starting Beit Sefer this year. We welcome Elysia, David and Aviva to 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.

FREE FILM!
Hannah Arendt - Facing Tyranny
November 7th, 2:00 pm
At the Manomet Public Library



HANNAH ARENDT: FACING TYRANNY is a feature documentary about the extraordinary life and work of one of the most influential and fearless political thinkers of the twentieth century. Arendt's philosophical writings emerged directly from her dramatic and often terrifying experiences, coming of age in Germany as Hitler rose to power, then finding her way to the United States as a Jewish refugee. Through her bravery, judgement, and unflinching capacity to 'make the facts welcome, Arendt transformed her time as a political prisoner, refugee and survivor in Europe, along with her observations of America during the McCarthy Era, the Vietnam War and the Watergate crisis, into thoughtful and daring insights into the human condition, the refugee crisis, democracy and totalitarianism, which continue to resonate more than a half century later.

We are showing this film in observance of Kristallnacht.

Rabbi Mills' D'var Torah on October 16th

From Barriers to Blessings

Parshat Noach

October 16, 2026

Although this week's portion is Parshat Noach, it also contains another lesser-known story: the Tower of Babel. In Genesis 11:4, we read, *"Come, let us build us a city, and a tower with its top in the sky, to make a name for ourselves..."* In our Torah portion, the builders of Babel attempted to build an architectural marvel that completely ignored human vulnerability. They wanted to erect a grand structure that looked like and equaled God's creations. Although God destroyed the Tower of Babel, humanity was not cured of its yearning to build palaces and grand cathedrals; they stand majestically in almost every major city in Europe. But not only in Europe; just an hour or two from here in Newport, Rhode Island, millions of tourists also flock to marvel at Gilded Age mansions: The Breakers, Marble House, Rosecliff. They are breathtakingly grand, filled with imported marble, gold leaf, and sprawling gates. But if you look closely at the mansion's architecture, you realize these palaces were not built to bring people together. They were built to keep people out. They were monuments to the ego of a few ultra-wealthy families who wanted to make a name for themselves while insulating themselves from the rest of humanity.

These Gilded Age undertakings mimicked humanity's first attempt at erecting the grand structure described in tonight's Torah portion. The text explicitly tells us their motivation: *'Let us build a tower... to make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered.*'" In a midrash on this portion from *Pirkei D'Rabbi Eliezer,* we read that the builders were so obsessed with the tower's height that they ignored the workers' humanity. They wept for broken bricks, but not for broken bodies. During a renovation or a new build, it is dangerously easy to become obsessed with the 'bricks.' We may argue over paint swatches, acoustic panels, and budget lines. But as the midrash warns us: never let bricks become more important than the people. The Tower of Babel exemplifies a society that values the abstract grandeur of a building above all else. It was grand. It was towering. It was an engineering masterpiece. But it had a fatal flaw. It was built for prestige and not for people.

Our building campaign intends to do the opposite. We aim to build a modern, accessible space that is functional but not opulent, with a parking lot and ramped entries so no one is left outside. We aren't funding a luxury project; we are funding human dignity, inclusion, and the future of Plymouth's Jewish community. Our historic building did not feel welcoming if you were a parent struggling to get inside with a stroller, especially in the snow and ice, or if you were someone with mobility issues whose knees ache, staring at a flight of stairs, wondering: 'Can I make it inside tonight? Is there a place for me here?' And that was only after you got frustrated looping around looking for nearby parking. When a religious space lacks a proper parking lot, modern, fully accessible ramps and elevators, and wheelchair-friendly bathrooms, it unintentionally channels a piece of the Babel and Newport mindset, prioritizing an old, unyielding structure over the actual, physical needs of the community.

Congregation Beth Jacob has prided itself on being warm and welcoming. However, true inclusion is more than greeting and treating others warmly; it must also be a physical reality in our building. A handicap-accessible ramp isn't an 'extra' amenity; it is a physical manifestation of Torah. A well-lit, functional parking lot isn't a luxury; it is the literal gateway that allows a lonely congregant to find community, or a disabled veteran to join us on the bimah. A modern, functional building is a

prerequisite for a thriving, multigenerational future. We cannot pass down a heritage of inclusion if our physical doors are structurally closed to some who seek to join us.

As a Reform Jewish congregation, we have the opposite architectural theology of the Vanderbilts or other families who built their mansions in Newport. We don't want a staircase that intimidates; we want a ramp that invites. We don't want to build a gated fortress; we want to create a well-lit, fully paved, accessible parking lot where a parent with a stroller, an elder with a walker, or a congregant in a wheelchair can enter easily and safely and feel instantly welcome. In Jewish tradition, true grandeur is not measured by marble, but by accessibility. A modern, functional building is the physical manifestation of B'tzelem Elohim, the belief that every individual is made in the Divine image and deserves an unobstructed path into sacred space. In the story of Babel, the builders said to one another, "Come, let us bake bricks... let us build," but they pooled their physical and financial resources for a toxic goal. We must pool ours for a sacred one. We have already decided it is the right thing to do, sold our building, and bought property on which we hope to build. However, to transform this blueprint into reality requires the resources of every member of Congregation Beth Jacob. We cannot build a sanctuary of dignity on good intentions alone. The Newport mansions were built by the checkbooks of single, unimaginably wealthy, insular titans. But our synagogue belongs to all of us, and thus it requires a collective effort.

A collective effort also means transparency and input from all. In a story about this portion, several construction workers are on the top floor of the Tower of Babel. The foreman yells down to the crew, *"Pass me a beam!"* One worker hands him a hammer. The foreman shakes his head and shouts, *"No, a beam! A wooden beam!"* The second worker hands him a bucket of water. Frustrated, the foreman throws his hands up and yells, *"What is wrong with you people? I said beam, not cream, not steam—talk to me like a normal human being!"* From somewhere down below, a guy turns to his coworker and says: *"I don't know what his problem is; nobody's understood a single word he's said all morning."* Not understanding one another or the project details leads to chaos, stalled progress, and total miscommunication, causing a massive construction project like our synagogue to self-destruct, much like the Tower of Babel. In a way, this story highlights how easily group projects can fall apart when people aren't on the same page or clear about the details, leaving everyone frustrated and speaking completely different languages. Our fundraising and building committee will work to ensure that does not happen with our project.

Let the Vanderbilts keep their marble towers, their gold-infused wallpaper, and their heavy iron gates. Our legacy will not be a monument that people look at from behind a velvet rope. Our legacy will be a living, welcoming, inviting home with doors that open seamlessly to all, an easy path from the car to the bimah, and a place where everyone knows they belong. Let us give generously today, not to make a name for ourselves like the builders of Babel or the Vanderbilts, but to pave the way for generations to come. May the house we build together be a sanctuary that is a blessing for all. **Amen.**

A Wonderful Opportunity for Our Young Adults!



CJP is partnering with Repair the World, Yahel, and Birthright Israel on a service-learning experience in Israel from December 27, 2026–January 5, 2027. The trip is open to 30 young adults ages 22-40 and combines hands-on volunteering, real relationship-building with Israelis, and meaningful time across the country - including service in Haifa and New Year's Eve in Tel Aviv. There are also leadership development and Israel engagement sessions before and after the trip.

The total cost is $375, flights included.

Registration is open here.

See the flyer on the next page!



Boston to Israel and back. Through meaningful service.

Calling all young adults in Boston! Spend eight days in Israel doing hands-on service alongside Israelis of all backgrounds in Haifa, ringing in the New Year in Tel Aviv, and celebrating Shabbat in Jerusalem. This isn't just a trip; it's a journey that starts in Boston and keeps going when you get home.

LOCAL SERVICE IN BOSTON & A TRIP TO ISRAEL

Build your cohort with service gatherings in Boston in October, November, and December. Then, we'll head to Israel from **December 27 to January 5th.** Back home, we'll keep it going with events in January, February and March including an MLK Day of Service.

$375	22–40	Oct 27	December 27–January 5
FLIGHT INCLUDED	YEARS OLD	COHORT STARTS	TRIP TO ISRAEL

Scan here. Apply. Be a part of something meaningful.

Have questions? Contact will.schwartz@weRepair.org

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Mi Sheiberach (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:

Ina Lashin
Joseph Keller
Tracey Gutman
John R. Sore
Susan Basiri
Mary Ellen Dalgren
Maryann Leonard
Sandy Magnes Silverman
Julian Lindquist
Erin Sullivan
Linda Dauber
Susan Penchansky
Callan Crowley
Lynne Matson
Lauren DeFranzo
Nan Noble
Len Kaplan
Marilyn Levine
Ruth Anne Repking
Meredith Hoffman
Susan Moore
Trisha Brown
Carolyn Kniffen
Jeffrey Smith
Rabbi Lawrence Silverman
Richard Olsen
Jerry Treppel
Cindy Zibel
Barry Benjamin Diamond
Stefanie Noble

To hear the beautiful song, Heal Us Now, performed by Hazamir Hasharon, click here.

Beit Sefer News



Under the leadership of Rabbi Mills, CBJ's Religious School provides a program where students 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 a creative way that engages them. 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.

This year, Beit Sefer is studying American Judaism. The tentative calendar below lists dates and topics. We look forward to another great year. For information about registration for the 2026-2027 school year, please contact Rabbi Mills at cbjplymouthrabbi@gmail.com.

CONGREGATION BETH JACOB 2026-2027 BEIT SEFER CALENDAR

September 27, 2026	1. Sukkot Lesson
October 4, 20226	2. Simchat Torah Lesson
October 11, 2026	NO SCHOOL: Indigenous People Day
October 18, 2026	3. Jewish Life in the Colonies 1654-1776
October 25, 2026	4. Jewish Voices in Early America: Religious Liberty and Civic Participation
November 1, 2026	5.American Jews & the Civil War 1861-1865
November 8, 2026	6. Jewish Immigration to the U.S. 1881-1924
November 15, 2026	7. The Jewish American Experience
November 22, 2026	8. The Labor Movement 1900-1920
November 29, 2026	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Weekend
December 6, 2026	9. Chanukah Lesson
December 13, 2026	10. American Jews & WWI 1917-1918
December 20, 2026	11. American Jews & WWII 1939-1945
December 27, 2026	NO SCHOOL: New Year's Break
January 3, 2027	NO SCHOOL: New Year's Break
January 10, 2027	12. The Civil Rights Movement 1950-1960
January 17, 2027	NO SCHOOL: President's Day Weekend
January 24, 2027	13. Tu Bishvat Lesson
January 31, 2027	14. Reel Experience: Our Story on Film
February 7, 2027	15. The diversity of Jewish Americans
February 14, 2027	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
February 21, 2027	NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK
February 28, 2027	16, The Power of Music and Theatre
March 7, 2027	17. Reform/Conservative Judaism in the U.S,
March 14, 2027	18. Spotlight on American Orthodoxy
March 21, 2027	19. Purim Festivities
March 28, 2027	NO SCHOOL: Christian Holy Day
April 4, 2027	20. Jewish American Identity
April 11, 2027	21. Passover Lesson
April 18, 2027	NO SCHOOL: Spring Recess
April 25, 2027	22. Jewish American Contributions
May 2, 2027	23. Amazing Jewish Americans
May 9, 2027	NO SCHOOL: Mother's Day
May 16, 2027	24. Israeli Independence Day Lesson
May 23, 2027	25. Shavout Lesson
May 29-May 31,	Trip to Museum of American Jewish History

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Saturday, September 12, 10 A.M.**
  Rosh Hashana Youth Service
- **Sunday, September 13, 10 A.M.**
  Rosh Hashana Family Service/ Cookout/ Tashlikh
- **Wednesday, September 21 , 10 A.M.**
  Yom Kippur Youth Service
- **Friday, September 25, 5:15 P.M.**
  Beit Sefer Sukkot on the Farm
- **Friday, October 2, 6:00 P.M.**
  Family Simchat Torah & Service
- **Friday, March 19, 6:00 P.M*.**
  Family Purim Dinner & Service
- **Thursday, April 22, 5:30 P.M.**
  Second Night Passover Seder
- **Saturday, May 29- Monday, May 31**
  Tentative Family trip to Weitzman Museum of American Jewish History

To download this calendar, click HERE.

Are You in Your 20's or Early 30's?
Looking for a Social Group to Meet Other Jewish Individuals in the Plymouth Area?
CBJ Gen Z is For You!



For all those in their 20's and early 30's, CBJ has started a new social group to help meet other Jewish individuals your age in the Plymouth area. Singles and couples are welcome, and significant others need not be Jewish. The first meeting was held on October 21st at 6:15 pm at Tree House Brewing in Sandwich. To be put on the email list of their activities please email Noa Mills at noa.r.mills@gmail.com.



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.



PLEASE HELP THE LOCAL PLYMOUTH IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY THROUGH THE NEW FORMED ACTION WITH NEIGHBORS GROUP
a collaboration of our local houses of worship

If you have a monetary donation, please make the check out out and mail it to:

Peace Abbey Foundation
8 Town Square
Plymouth,MA 02360

We are collecting-

- Gift cards to Walmart, Market Basket
- Food: Dried white rice, dried black beans, red beans, canned beans, Goya spices, garlic powder, paprika, canola oil, pasta, canned tomato products, bags of onions, garlic, Goya cookies.
- Monetary donations for rent, legal aide, utilities
- Baby products: Diapers- Size 1,4,5 and 6, wipes, baby wash, baby lotion
- Kids/adult Clothing: hats, gloves, winter coats- 2T, 5, 6 (boys and girls), teens (boys and girls), adults (women and men), socks men and women, boys and girls, babies (infant, 4 mos, 6 months to 2T)

Together we CAN do what we cannot do apart.

There's No Harm in Asking....



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!

We are also looking for a person to serve on the CBJ Board as Recording Secretary. This position entails recording the Minutes for the monthly Board meetings, providing a written summary of issues discussed, motions made and decisions voted upon by the Board.

We are also seeking a creative person with journalistic skills to assume responsibility for editing The Weekly Update and our monthly newsletter, The Tent, starting in July, 2027. Training and support will be provided.

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 in 2026!

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!



Thank You to the following families who have volunteered to sponsor or host an Oneg:

- November 6: Sandy & Hyman Spekman, in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary and their grandson's 8th birthday
- November 13: Sharon Aharoni Ravin & Beryl Ravin (sister/ brother in law of Barbara Aharoni, In honor of Barbara's 80th birthday
- December 18: Phyllis Klasky - in loving memory of her father, Mel Klasky

Thank You
תודה רבה

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

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:
Donna Roy, for the speedy recovery of Barry Benjamin Diamond

Rachmiel Klein's Cantorial Services: Judith & Allan Sherman

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Funding for Rachmiel Klein's Monthly Cantorial Performances

Rachmiel has been a featured songleader at our Shabbat services, adding a new vibrancy and joy to our worship. His fee is not paid from your dues or from CBJ's General Fund, but is being subsidized by generous donations from a congregant family, together with contributions from the Ray & Milly Russo Fund for Music and the Arts and the Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life. I**f you have been enjoying the music of Rachmiel Klein at our services, you may wish to contribute to those funds or make a small monthly donation designated for the funding of Rachmiel's cantorial services.**

Click here for a list of funds where donations may be made.

Click here to make a donation online.



Yahrzeits That Will be Observed This Month

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

November

1	Sadye R. Meltzer	Barry Meltzer's mother
1	Esther Carlson	Elaine Carlson's mother
2	Herman Roe	Robin Hunter's grandfather
3	George Gleason	CBJ member-Miriam's husband
3	Israel Pokross	Estelle Sherman's father
3	Bernard Feinberg	
3	Eunice Dezorett Millstein	
5	Edward F. Baler	Judge Gregory Baler's father
6	Danella "Penny" Baum	Al Baum's mother
6	Sidney Shuman	
7	Julius Meltzer	Barry Melter's father
9	Elisabeth (Jonas) Shamir	Harry Shamir's mother
11	Eric P. Simons	Lanie Katzew’s brother
12	Minna Matross	Burt Matross's mother
12	Louis Resnick	CBJ Founder
12	Joseph Cohen	Morris Bloom's uncle
12	Mildred Goldberg	Pam Sechoka and Susan Basiri's mother
12	Rachel Yutan	
12	Edith Zavalcofsky	
13	Barbara Papell Garcia	Sherri Sore's aunt
13	Helen R. Kramer	
14	Kebe Toabe	Mitchell Toabe's brother
14	Bessie Kramer	
15	Clara Coffman	Phillis Klasky Aunt, Lois Klasky’s sister
15	Morris Russo	
18	Celia Starr	Nancy Starr Pecorella's grandmother
19	Albert Shiff	Ruth Albert Shiff's husband
21	Susan Sherman Stone	Allan Sherman's cousin, Friend of CBJ
21	Harris Kaplowitz	CBJ Founder
21	William Lashin	Sherri Sore's father
21	Anne Helene Berg	
22	Linda Lamel	Jerry Treppel's sister
24	Saul Padlusky	Rose Geller's cousin
24	Ezra Goldstein	
25	Bert Kagan	
26	Sara Sherman	Rose Geller's grandmother

26	Molla B. Jacobson	
27	Theodore Aaron Greene	Adeline Keller's brother
27	Borris Sackheim	
28	Rebecca Lotta Koblantz	
29	Alice S. Resnick	Bernard Resnick’s mother
29	Stanley Resnick	Bernard Resnick’s father
29	Irving Lawrence Shuman	Sidney Shuman's brother
29	Ruth Righter	William Righter family
30	Eleanor Weiss	Arnold Weiss' mother
30	Julius Sepet	Bloom family
30	Samuel Matross	Burt Matross's father
30	Elizabeth Van West Sokolow	
31	Harry Glassman	

May their memory forever abide abide as a blessing.

Yahrzeit Donations

You may send a check made payable to Congregation Beth Jacob and mail it to:

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

Or you may make a donation on-line. See the next page for details.

How to Make a Donation Online

Please note that we are discontinuing PayPal and CheddarUp as our methods to process online payments. We are now using Shulcloud to process on-line payments. You may log into ShulCloud at https://cbjplymouth.shulcloud.com to access the site. If you have not logged in before, click "Forgot Password" and enter your email address to receive instructions to set your password and gain access to your account. Please contact Bradley Engel at treasurer@cbjplymouth.org if you have any questions.



Food Bank Donations to Families in Need

The need for food assistance is greater than ever in the Plymouth area. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has had no government funding since November of 2024, affecting 41.7 million Americans who depend on SNAP to feed their children and themselves, including our seniors.

Many of our congregants are anxious to respond to this outrage by donating to our CBJ Food Drive. Below are guidelines for what items are needed most urgently. **Please be aware that for donations to SNAP, the focus is on the quality and safety of canned goods rather than just the expiration date. High-acid canned goods (like tomatoes) are best within 18 months past the date, while low-acid foods (like meats and vegetables) can last 2-5 years or more.** Click HERE for guidelines for what items are needed most urgently. **Please bring non-perishable food items, as well as disposable diapers and personal hygiene items when you attend services in person.**

Cash Donations:

On-Line payments: If you wish to make a monetary donation online, please note the following change in CBJ's procedures. We are discontinuing PayPal and CheddarUp as our methods to process online payments for membership dues, Sisterhood dues, Yahrzeit donations and Capital Campaign donations, and donation payments, including recurring payments. Going forward, we will be using ShulCloud for managing member personal information, directory, yahrzeits, dues payments, donations and events.

Members may access Shulcloud at https://cbjplymouth.shulcloud.com and if you have not logged in before, click "Forgot Password" and enter your email address to receive instructions to set your password and gain access to your account. Please contact Bradley Engel at treasurer@cbjplymouth.org if you have any questions.

If you prefer to send a check, please make it payable to Congregation Beth Jacob, PO Box 3284, Plymouth, MA 02361, Attention: Treasurer. **Be sure to note that this is a donation for the Food Bank.**



The Next Sisterhood Meeting
Monday, November 9, at 7:00 pm (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? Please come to the meeting and share your ideas!

The Zoom link for Sisterhood Meetings:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81885106141?pwd=dHd6LzMzSTRJZ2J6VmM2WlBZenpXZz09
Meeting ID: 818 8510 6141 Passcode: 579857

The Next Sisterhood Program



Free Classical Music Concert
Featuring a pianist and a violinist
At the Duxbury Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street, Duxbury
and
Lunch at Blue Fish River Tavern
Sunday, November 1st

We are planning to go to lunch before the concert at the Blue Fish River Tavern, 581 Tremont Street., Duxbury at 2:30 pm. Tickets for the free concert are extremely limited and may already be gone, but you are welcome to join us for lunch if tickets are no longer available. Please RSVP asap if you would like Ronnie to reserve your seat. Ronnie's email is: aprocess@aol.com

CBJ Gift Card Program



Please support CBJ by purchasing Gift Cards. When you do, CBJ receives a substantial commission and it costs you nothing.

Which popular restaurants and retail firms participate in our Gift Card program? Texas Roadhouse, Panera, Chipotle,Olive Garden, Fridays, Chili's, and 99, along with retail firms such as Stop & Shop, Shaw's, Big Y, Walmart, TJ Maxx, Marshall's, Zappo's Walgreen's, CVS (gift cards can be used to pay for your prescriptions), Home Depot, and hundreds of others.
Check out this link to get a partial listing.

You Can Order Gift Cards Online!

To order gift cards online, download the RaiseRight app on your Smartphone or computer. Set up your method of payment. **Enter CBJ's Enrollment Code 3477L3C988L9 which will designate Congregation Beth Jacob as your organization.** The gift cards can be mailed to you, or better yet, they will be available instantly in digital form in your RaiseRight wallet on your phone. Gift cards can also be refilled online. How convenient is that!

You Can Now Book Travel through RaiseRight!

Make your earnings go the distance! You can now book hotels and car rentals directly through RaiseRight. Enjoy low prices, higher earnings, and the flexibility of booking with a credit or debit card while you raise money for CBJ! More information is available on RaiseRight.com.



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

We bowl 3 strings and pay only the special rate of $4.50/string. 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!

Recipe for Gourmet Sweet Potato Casserole (Perfect for Thanksgiving!)



Once you taste this, you won't ever go back to the marshmallow-topped variety!

Prep: 20 mins
Cook: 1 hr 5 mins
Total: 1 hr 25 mins
Servings: 8

Ingredients:
5 sweet potatoes
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup butter or margarine
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ cup white sugar
2 tablespoons heavy cream (or almond milk)
¼ cup butter or margerine, softened
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
¾ cup packed light brown sugar
½ cup chopped pecans

Directions:
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
Bake sweet potatoes 35 minutes in the preheated oven, or until they begin to soften. Cool slightly, peel, and mash.
In a large bowl, mix the mashed sweet potatoes, salt, 1/4 cup butter or margarine, eggs, vanilla extract, cinnamon, sugar, and heavy cream or almond milk. Transfer to the prepared baking dish.
In a medium bowl, combine 1/4 cup butter,/margarine, flour, brown sugar, and chopped pecans. Mix with a pastry blender or your fingers to the consistency of coarse meal. Sprinkle over the sweet potato mixture.
Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, until the topping is crisp and lightly browned.

Nutrition Facts

Per Serving: 381 calories; protein 3.8g; carbohydrates 50.7g; fat 19.2g; cholesterol 82.1mg; sodium 201.1mg.