

THE NEWSLETTER OF CONGREGATION BETH JACOB

ow lovely are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!"

A BiMonthly Newsletter

Rabbi's Letter

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Rabbi Silverman invites everyone to attend a special Shabbat service on November 14th. Plymouth Town Clerk, Larry Pizer is the featured presenter.

President's Letter

Sheila Finer looks back, and looks ahead.

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CBJ Jewish Book Fair +Craft Fair +Bake Sale

December 7 and 14 from 10-1 at the Community Center

Craft Tables \$25 (CBJ members only)

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New Members

Linda Myer has joined CBJ. You may have seen her or heard her at recent events. Please give her a warm welcome.



Happy 90th Rose Geller

We had the pleasure of celebrating the 90th birthday of Rose Sherman Geller at a special service recently. Rose is a native of Plymouth and a member of one of CBI's founding families. She was also our first Teacher. Several honors were

bestowed upon her and our student cantor, Elise Barber, serenaded her with a wonderful rendition of "You're The Top." Many of Rose's family and friends were in attendance to share in the festivities followed by a delicious oneg.

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CBJ Stained Glass Window above the Balcony

PatriotLedger.com

September 29th, had an excellent photo shoot and story to kick-off our 100th Anniversary year. www.cbjplymouth.org/News.html

5769 Holidays

- Sep 30 Rosh Hashana 5769
- Oct 4 Shabbat Shuva
- Oct 9 Yom Kippur
- Oct 14 Sukkot (1)
- Oct 22 Simchat Torah
- Dec 22 Hanukkah (I)
- Feb 9 Tu B'Shvat
- Mar 10 Purim Apr 9
- Pesach (I) Apr 21
- Yom HaShoah Yom HaZikaron Apr 28
- Apr 29 Yom HaAtzma'ut
- May 12 Lag B'Omer
- May 22 Yom Yerushalayim
- May 29 Shavuot Jul 30 Tish'a B'Av
- Sep 18 Erev Rosh Hashana

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^{*-}holidays begin on the evening before the date shown.

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Rabbi's Letter

Rabbi Lawrence Silverman rabbi@cbjplymouth.org



Dear Friends:

We are planning a special event for Friday night, November 14, immediately after services. This date comes at the end of the week that marks the 60th anniversary of Kristallnacht. On November 9 and 10, 1938, the then-Nazi controlled German government launched "Crystal Night," which came to be called the "Night of Broken Glass." On that one night, Jews and Jewish communities were assaulted all over Germany. Synagogues were destroyed; and Iewish homes and business were vandalized. Beginning on Kristallnacht and in the days immediately following, 30,000 members of Germany's onceflourishing Jewish community

were arrested and deported. Kristallnacht marked a sharp turning point in the repression that led to the Holocaust.

On Friday evening, November 14, our special guest-speaker at the Synagogue will be Larry Pizer, who happens to serve as Plymouth's Town Clerk. Last spring, Mr. Pizer and his family went on a pilgrimage to Poland to make a connection with some of his roots; and this pilgrimage led him to the place called Auschwitz. Mr. Pizer will speak to us about his trip and the impact it has made upon him. I encourage you to join us for this exceptional occasion.

Our Shabbat service begins at 7:30 pm, at the Synagogue.

Rabbi Lawrence Silverman





Early CBJ Congregation Photo



Kabelsky Family - early CBJ Shabbat on the Beach?

President's Letter

Sheila Finer president@cbjplymouth.org

A Look Back and Ahead

It's amazing how quickly the years seem to pass as we grow older. I always remember my parents saying that, but just passed it off as "elder" talk. But....here I am today saying the exactly same thing. As I reminisce about this past year at our temple, my feelings for our traditions, our members and our founders grow stronger.

- * Our **Beit Sefer** and services this year had the addition of a student Cantor, Elise Barber, and she bought them all to a new level.
- * Our old **Sukkah** was put to rest and a newer and larger one was erected by Seth Teles and Kevin Sipola. It has now been taken down and stored for the rest of

- the year to appear again next Sukkot for all to enjoy.
- * The **PTO** has met regularly to organize fundraisers and parties to benefit the children of CBJ.

 They are our future and deserve our attention.
- * 100th Anniversary Committee
 has been working diligently to
 help CBJ celebrate in a BIG way.
 There will be a special weekend
 in early May surrounded by
 other events and recognitions all
 year long. Keep watching for all
 the details.

Many of you reading this probably remember our 25th, 50th and 75th anniversary celebrations. Let's work together in keeping CBJ alive so our descendants can celebrate many more anniversaries and look back with the same loving feeling we have today for our founders.

I can hear that fiddler playing now ~ TRADITION!

Sheila Finer

Elul Cantorial Fund Update

I announced at the high holiday services that we recently established the Elul Fund to enable us to fund the position of a student cantor at Congregation Beth Jacob. One donor has pledged to **match dollar for dollar** all donations made to this fund up to \$2750. The total of \$5500 will allow us to fund the program from February 2009 to February 2010 including the high holidays again.

The addition of student cantor Elise Barber this year to our services and Beit Sefer have brought many accolades.

Please consider helping us reach our goal. This is a very generous offer ~ one which we cannot afford to pass up. Checks should be made out to: Congregation Beth Jacob PO Box 3284, Plymouth MA 02361. Please note on it: ELUL FUND DONATION.

Brotherhood

Brotherhood needs a president - let Arnold Gladstein know if you are interested.

We are enthusiastic, spirited and excited. We plan to become an important part of Congregation Beth Jacob. It is the goal of the Brotherhood to take an active part of our community. We plan to raise money to provide scholarship support for our religious school students in need of financial help.

We had our first 'social meeting' on October 28th at the new Mayflower Brewing Company. Attendees enjoyed sandwiches and beer samples and a tour of the brewery given by Matthew Steinberg, Brew master.

We will be having 3 or 4 more breakfast or dinner meetings in the next 8 or 9 months. We plan to continue to go bowling on the first Tuesday of the month. We hope to schedule one or two fund raising events to help to achieve our goal.

Please join us and help support our needy students. We have 3 levels of membership, Supporting Member-\$18, Torah Member-\$36 and Mitzvah Member-\$54. Make your check payable to: **CBJ** Brotherhood

PO Box 3284, Plymouth 02361.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood needs a president - please let Sheila know if you are interested.



Its that time again; to renew your Sisterhood membership, or if you are not a member, become one. Although we do have to raise our dues, at just \$25 for a year, we're still a bargain. Please show your support by sending in your dues and joining us today.

Please make checks payable to **Beth Jacob Sisterhood** PO Box 3284, Plymouth, MA 02361

Next Sisterhood Meeting: Tuesday, Nov.4th at 7 PM, at the synagogue. Come join us; you'll still be home in time for the election results.

December 2nd Sisterhood/ Brotherhood Hanukkah dinner and Yankee Swap.

Homemade potato latkes will be the dinner entre. Bring a wrapped gift for the swap (\$10 limit). This event is lots of fun. Call Cindy Teles at 746-5607 (or email iacorna@aol.com) to volunteer your help or make your dinner reservation. Reservations must be made a week in advance.

January 6 will be our *paid up supper.*

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Beth Jacob Sisterhood, in conjunction with the Plymouth Area Hadassah chapter, is gearing up for its biggest fundraiser of the year ~ gift-wrapping at Independence Mall. This year we have also been invited to set up a gift-wrapping table at Croma, a new restaurant at Colony Place.

Gift-wrapping dates are Friday, December 12th through Wednesday, December 24th. Please contact Myra Glansberg at 508-747-0372 to reserve some convenient times for yourself to help make this our best year ever! Bring friends and family to help also ~ the more the merrier.

We will need some "schleppers" on December 12th to help take the tables and supplies over to the mall. Contact Myra to offer your assistance.

HAPPY GIFT-WRAPPING!





PARTY

President Gabby Brooks Advisor Robin Hunter party@cbjplymouth.org

Plymouth ARea Temple Youth group is open to all area youth. You don't need to be a CBJ member to join.

www.cbjplymouth.org/PARTY.html

We are members of National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) - North East.

www.nfty.org/ne



PARTY EVENTS

Fall Conclavette November 7-9, 2008

December Institute
December 26-30 2008

Post-December January 10, 2009

NFTY Convention 2009 February 13-16, 2009

February Institute February 19-22, 2009

Post-Feb March 14, 2009

Spring Conclavette March 27-29, 2009

Beit Sefer

Beth Hadfield - Coordinator

We have just completed the unit on THE MATRIARCHS. We had 4 of our members appear as The Matriarchs in full dress. They are Barbara Aharoni, Michelle Baum, Robin Bergeron and Laura Finkel. By all accounts they did a spectacular job entertaining and educating the students and everyone that had the pleasure of seeing them in their roles and we thank them for their efforts. We are still working on improving attendance of Beit Sefer students for our family services and celebrations.

Please remember that part of our Beit Sefer program is attendance at Mitzvah services which are on the first Friday of every month (Simcha Shabbat).

Adult Ed

Vicki Fitzgerald - Chairperson

Based on feedback about the "Taste of Judaism" program put on in the spring, Barbara Aharoni worked with Rabbi Silverman and Vicki Fitzgerald to arrange a wonderful program for CBJers:



There were a large group of eager students, excited to be starting or renewing their Jewish education.



Hospitality Program

Barbara Zimman 508-747-4454

I would urge every member of CBJ to donate just one night and particiapte as a chaparone for the homeless men staying at our Community Center:

- November 9-15
- December 7-14

You can also volunteer to provide a hot "kosher style" meal for one of the evenings.

Its easy to "look the other way", but these men are not dangerous, and they need our help.

This year at Beit Sefer, our children are striving to achieve 100 Mitzvahs each. Be a role model, choose to volunteer for this Mitzvah and show your child/children Mitzvahs are not just a homework assignment.

Please call Barbara to fill in the remaining openings.

About Overnight Hospitality

What is it?

The Overnight Hospitality Program is about CBJ, and other area religious centers, opening their doors to a small group of homeless people who need a warm, safe place to sleep. Charles Strobel, from Nashville, TN, started the program in 1992. It now involves over 200 congregations.

Why?

Although there are shelters for adults with children, there are no shelters for single men and women. In the winter, this is lifethreatening. It dangerous all year around.

Through this wonderful gift, both Guests and Hosts are changed, transformed, blessed.

How?

Screening - All people seeking shelter and food gather at St. Peters.

Pick Up - A coordinator arranges to have them transported to the host congregation at 6:30 PM. Evening: Although this program takes place in congregations throughout Plymouth, it's not religious. There are no sermons, services or programming. Each congregation welcomes strangers as honored guests for a simple evening with a hot meal, snacks, a movie, games, and good conversation. In the morning a simple breakfast, followed by a return trip to St. Peters by 8 AM.

If you have concerns or questions before you volunteer to be a chaparone, you can call:

Lloyd Rosenberg 508-746-1023

Donations to the Rabbi's Mitzvah Fund help defray the cost of this program.

CONGREGATION BETH JACOB

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CBJ Jewish Book Fair + Bake Sale + Craft Fair -- Dec 7, 14, 21 at 10-1

- CBJ PTO is hosting the annual Jewish Book Fair in Weishaupt Hall at the Community Center.
- CBJ members can reserve a table for their crafts for \$25.
- Anyone may donate edibles for the Bake Sale
- The public will be invited on Dec 7 and Dec 14
- Dec 21- the Book Sale will continue during the Hanukkah Party.



MAIL IN RESERVATION FORM

Come to Our Annual CBJ Hanukkah Party!

Sunday, December 21St at 5 pm at the Cong. Beth Jacob Community Center, Corner of Brewster and Court Streets

Latkes, Latkes! Music and Dreidel Games



Treats for the Kids
Beverages and Desserts

Your Check is Your Reservation, No Exceptions.

Deadline Sunday, December 14th

Bring your friends and family, Everyone is Welcome!!!

Bring your own menorah and candles too.

Members: Children Age 3-12 yrs... \$5 Adults Age 13 and up. ...\$8

Non-Members: Children, Age 3-12 yrs...\$5 Adults, Age 13 and up ..\$10

Make your check payable to Beth Jacob Sisterhood. Send with form below by December 14 th to: Lisa Forman at 38 Lisa Ave. Plymouth, MA 02360					
Please reserve a place for us at the CBJ Chanukah Party	***********	******			
Family Name	# of CBJ member Adults	@\$ 8 ea =			
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Total

In Appreciation

To donors who have greatly helped us this season, Thank you for welcoming this new year of Tikkun Olam

Thank you for welcoming us to High Holiday Services

- 1. Melvin Grossman
- 2. Harriet Prechter
- 3. Dr Marvin Baum
- 4. Mr & Mrs Neil Frank
- 5. Scott Frank
- 6. Mr & Mrs Henry Berman

Elul Cantorial Music Fund

- 1. Nancy Golden & David Cohen
- 2. Muriel Swartz
- 3. Anne Geller
- 4. Adelaide Lelyveld
- 5. Mr & Mrs Roy Stillerman
- 6. Mr & Mrs Justin Feingold
- 7. Risa Rountree
- 8. Dr & Mrs Barry Meltzer
- 9. Mr & Mrs Paul Sechoka
- 10. Carol Gilbert
- 11. Robin Hunter

- 12. Mr & Mrs Ed Sore
- 13. Rose Geller
- 14. Mr & Mrs Lloyd Rosenberg
- 15. Martin Starr
- 16. Mr & Mrs Ron Lindeman
- 17. Rita Bailen
- 18. Barbara Aharoni and Harry Shamir, In memory of Dr. Ronald Asherson

In honor of the Ray and Millie Russo - A donation to the Ray and Milly Russo **Jewish Cultural Heritage** and Arts Fund

1. Dr & Mrs Mark Russo

In honor of Ed Sore's **Birthday**

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- 1. Mr and Mrs Jay John
- 2. Mr and Mrs Joe Keller

Rose Geller's 90th Birthday

- 1. Jabbawy Family
- 2. Debbie Cohen
- 3. Judge & Mrs Gregory Baler
- 4. Mr & Mrs Melvin Klasky
- 5. Anne Geller
- 6. Judith Geller
- 7. Beryl Geller
- 8. Jonathan and Carl Rothman and Family
- 9. Dr & Mrs Barry Meltzer
- 10. Muriel Swartz
- 11. Mimi Toabe
- 12. Mr & Mrs Seth Teles
- 13. Rose Geller
- 14. Adelaide Lelyveld
- 15. Janet & Gordon Strauss
- 16. Harriette Minsky
- 17. Arthur & Harriet Goodman
- 18. Susan & Joe Stone

In memory of Leo Abramson,

father of Sheila Finer

- 1. Mr & Mrs Arnold Gladstein
- 2. Dr & Mrs Barry Meltzer
- 3. Robert & Ellen Sheridan
- 4. Natalie & Len Meltzer
- 5. Paderson Family
- 6. Sholk Family
- 7. Elyse & Steve Plotnick
- 8. Mr & Mrs Jay John
- 9. Susan & Bill Kams
- 10. Duffy Family

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- 11. Carrie & Stu Golder
- 12 Fleanor Abramson
- 13. Mr & Mrs Richard Klass, 14. Mr & Mrs Steve Friedman.
- Jonathan & Jesse
- 15. Mr & Mrs Joseph Tartuto
- 16. Dr & Mrs Ray Russo
- 17. Lelyveld & Wittenberg **Families**
- 18. Linda & Steven Shames

- 19. Mr & Mrs Stephen Winokur
- 20. Dr & Mrs Harry Keller
- 21. Manuel and Lillian Ford
- 22. Rhona and Steven Brand
- 23. Mr & Mrs Ed Sore
- 24. Marcia Bromfield & Bruce **Bordett**
- 25. Tamra Kruger
- 26. Alice Cowan
- 27. Jody Steiner & Miles Gordon

In memory of Jean Feinberg

aunt of Sheila Finer

- 1. Visnick Family
- 2. Mr & Mrs Ed Sore
- 3. Jane & Ray Gadaire
- 4. Stephen Bryant
- 5. Naomi & Gil Spack & Family

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William Lashin	8
Saul Schulman	
Albert Lesser	10
Sara Sherman	13
Theodore Aaron Greene	14
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Haim (Carlo) Shamir	
Harold Ross	19
Ann Winkler	20
Frances D. Kaufman	21

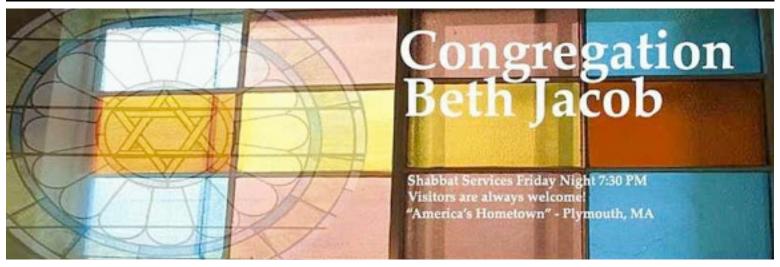
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Aba Taub Marion Shuman Martin Herman Israel Ginsburg Nathan Hirschhorn Evelyn Abramson Irene W. Silverman Marie Luise Katz

Notes on Yahrzeit observance: In the Jewish calendar, last year was a leap-year. As a result, Yahrzeits will be observed later in the season than they were last uear.

Some customs associated with Yahrzeit observance are: lighting a memorial candle at home in the evening at the beginning of the Yahrzeit period; saying Kaddish during a Shabbat service close to the Yahrzeit; donating to a charity or one of CBJ's special funds in memory of the one whose Yahrzeit is being observed.

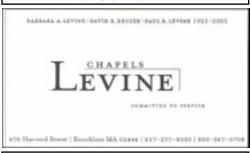
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Contact Carl Finer

Hanukkah - Dec 21st

CBJ Hanukkah Party is Sunday Dec 21st Bring your Menorah and your "game"

CBJ Jewish Book Fair + Bake Sale + Craft Fair (Page 9)



SHOP WITH CBJ FUNDRAISER

Our Gift Cards will be a hit with your favorite family members OR you can get them in advance and use them to purchase your gifts.

Either way, the merchants make a donation to CBJ

NEW IDEAS:

- 1. Florida Grocers: Albertsons, Publix
- 2. Hannifords
- 3. American Express Gift Cards

OLD IDEAS:

Stop and Shop cards can be used to earn discounts on GAS (\$0.10 per gallon for each \$100 spent on groceries). Now you get a bonus as well as CBJ.

Stop and Shop cards can also be used to buy gas!

Standing orders now accepted - get a regularly scheduled Gift Card delivery from Carl - just for asking.

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