

COMMUNITY SHABBAT IS COMING!



Friday, April 12th
6:30 pm

Consecration Ceremony & Community Shabbat:

Please Join us for at 6:30 pm for Pot Luck Dinner

Followed by a 7:30 pm Family-Friendly Service

including the Consecration Ceremony



Does a Golem Count in a Minyan?

(And Other 21st Century Implications of an Ancient Legend)

Adult Education with Rabbi Sultar

"Who can say he knows anything about the Golem? ...Always they treat it as a legend, till somethings happens and turns it into actuality again. After which it's talked of for many a day."

- Gustav Meyrink, in his 1915 novel *The Golem*

The golem – an artificial person created by mystical and magical means – has taken many different forms throughout Jewish history. In the coming year, we'll explore together the earliest recorded citings/sightings of the golem, and how the legend(s) evolved right up into the 20th century. We'll consider how the golem has served as an ever-changing metaphor for the most pressing issues of each generation. And because the Rabbis of old *believed* the golem existed – whether it actually did or not – they asked halachic/Jewish legal questions that now provide us with a Jewish perspective on today's and tomorrow's headlines, as we stand on the verge of possibly creating the first-ever actual golems in the history of the world.

Sundays at 10:00 – 11:00 AM

In-Person in the CBJ Library (and via Zoom)

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| 7. April 14: | Building Golems Today, Part 1 – Getting Real about 'Artificial Persons' |
| 8. May 5: | Building Golems Today, Part 2 – Getting Real about Artificial Intelligence |

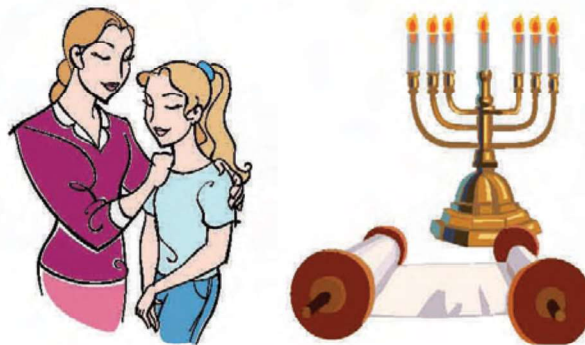
Sisterhood Shabbat 2024

We invite CBJ women of ALL ages to take part

Friday, April 19 at 7:30 PM

Share with us your voice this spring; let's celebrate being Jewish women together!

***Available parts in Hebrew and English
Readings, prayers, songs – your choice!***



Sisterhood Shabbat 2024 is led by our own Jodi Rosenfeld who will speak about being a woman rabbinical student in a traditional man's role.

Please contact Lori Snow at lvsnow@comcast.net or (484) 432-3063 to take part.

Mothers, Daughters, and Grandmothers are welcome!
Enjoy a special Ice Cream Cake Social!

Congregation B'nai Jacob University Presents:

Giving Back: Here and Abroad

Friday, May 3, 2024 6:30 PM
Community Shabbat
Speaker Shabbat

Madelyn Anton, a graduate of the Congregation B'nai Jacob Religious School and a lifetime member of CBJ, will share the story of her work in the field of Social Action and Social Justice. Her journey began with a book collection drive for her Bat Mitzvah. Since then, she has been involved in two service trips abroad to Costa Rica and to Rwanda. She has volunteered for Ann's Heart, Citizen Advocacy and the Jewish Relief Agency. And now, she works for Phoenixville Health Care Access. In addition to sharing her information about her own experiences, Madelyn will discuss ways that individuals, families and organizations can work together for change.



Phoenixville Health Care Access connects uninsured and underinsured residents of the Greater Phoenixville area with specialized health care services. Clients receive treatment from a network of providers for dental and vision care, mammograms, and help with prescription medications. Donations of new toothbrushes, toothpaste floss, and mouthwash are always appreciated. Look for the PHCA Donation box in the lobby.

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Our goal is to offer rich lifelong learning experiences to all within CBJ and the greater community through programs informed by Jewish values and presented in an atmosphere of fairness, balance, and respect.

Pesach 2024/5784 **Sale of Chametz**

It's traditional to remove all *chametz* from our houses for the full duration of *Pesach*. In recognition that it's not always practical for people to get rid of so much stuff, it's permissible to seal off access to all chametz until *Pesach* is over, and then to transfer the ownership of all non-*Pesach* food and utensils (*chametz*) that remain on our premises during the eight days of the festival.

The Rabbi will be happy to act as the Legal Agent in transferring the ownership of your *chametz* to a non-Jew during this period. I would like to emphasize the double importance of this *mitzvah*. First, by doing so you will be removing all *chametz* from your home during *Pesach*, and second, any funds raised as a result of this *mitzvah* will be applied to a special fund to help needy Jews during the holiday and the rest of the year.

Please clip the form below. Fill out the form authorizing the Rabbi to sell your *chametz* in keeping with Jewish tradition, and then mail or email to the Congregation office.

In performing this *mitzvah*, it is customary to make a donation, which will be used for worthy purposes at *Pesach* time and throughout the year. Please make checks out to the **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**.



APPOINTMENT OF AGENCY

I, the undersigned, hereby appoint Rabbi Jeff Sultar as my sole agent for the sale of all my leavened goods prior to the festival of *Pesach* 5784 (2024) and for the sale of rights of access thereto. All my leavened goods are hereby given into his hand.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Amount Enclosed: \$

The *chametz* must be received by me no later than 2:00 pm, Thursday, April 18, 2024. You can email it to the CBJ office (admin@congbj.org) or put it in the mail (101 Manavon St, Phoenixville, PA 19460) but then be sure to allow sufficient time for it to arrive in time.

DONATIONS

B'nai Jacob Cemetery

Shelli Albert in memory of beloved husband, Robbie Albert

Congregation B'nai Jacob

Britta Schasberger in memory of beloved husband, Ty Bailey

Stephen and Lorraine Schur in memory of Stephen's beloved father, Morris Schur

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

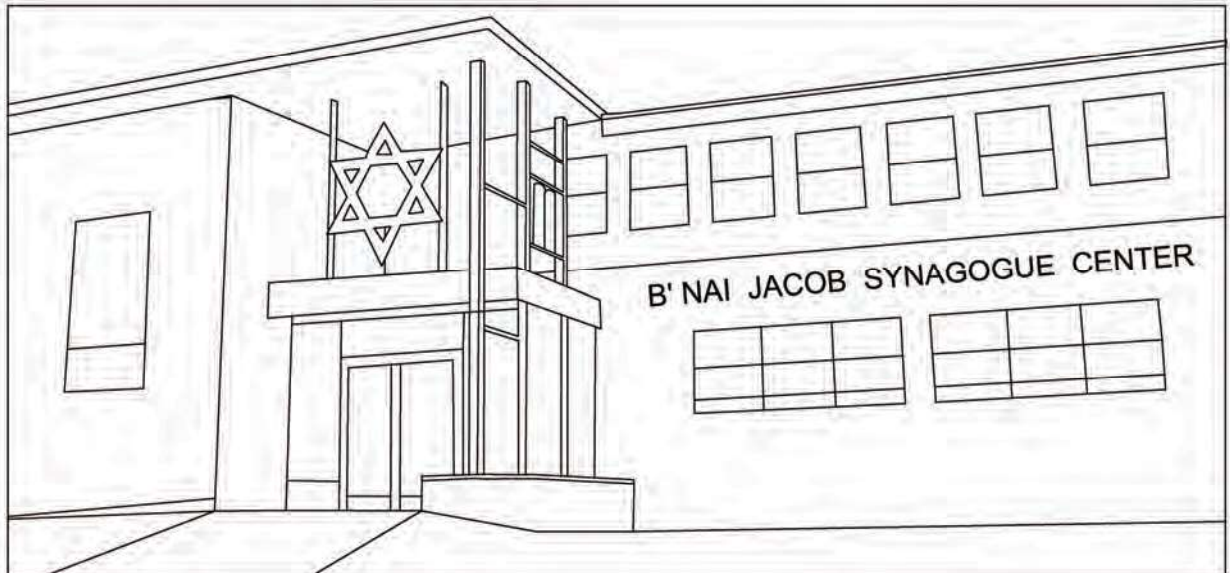
Michael and Janice Wagman in memory of Michael's beloved father, Marvin Wagman

Ken Kulick in memory of beloved mother, Sylvia Kulick

Shelli Albert – thank you to Rabbi Sultar

Siddur

Rhoda Goldberg in memory of beloved father, Michael Hyman



APRIL CELEBRATIONS



Birthday Wishes

| | | | |
|----|---------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | Mitchell Robin | 13 | Jennifer Rothstein |
| 1 | Owen Gargiulo | 14 | Heather Goodman |
| 3 | Diane Liss | 15 | Hannah Brainsky |
| 4 | Bonnie Blank | 16 | Chuck Epstein |
| 4 | Kyle Liss | 16 | Lauren Mellander |
| 8 | Zachary Liss | 17 | Paul Drucker |
| 8 | Bob Steinberg | 19 | Samuel Ludwig |
| 9 | Eileen Graham | 26 | Stephen Schur |
| 9 | Rachel Kane | 27 | Cheryl Trobman |
| 11 | Marilyn Tassencourt | 27 | Shoshannah Moyer-Gabbert |
| 11 | Larry Gropper | 30 | Elijah Marcus |
| 12 | Emma Kling | | |



9 Amy Siegel & Eric Miller

APRIL YAHRZEIT

| <u>April</u> | <u>Hebrew Month</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Honoree</u> |
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| 9 | NISAN | 1 | Neil David Reznik |
| 9 | NISAN | 1 | Sidney Hurwitz |
| 10 | NISAN | 2 | Andrew Hickman |
| 10 | NISAN | 2 | Clara Berkowitz |
| 11 | NISAN | 3 | Lillian Gottlieb |
| 12 | NISAN | 4 | Adele Wilson Freedman |
| 12 | NISAN | 4 | Mollie Cherashore |
| 13 | NISAN | 5 | Israel Issac Fleisher |
| 13 | NISAN | 5 | Beatrice Abramson Cohen |
| 14 | NISAN | 6 | Leonard Neumann |
| 14 | NISAN | 6 | Berte Zatuchni |
| 15 | NISAN | 7 | Margaret Schoen |
| 15 | NISAN | 7 | Jacob Goldberg |
| 16 | NISAN | 8 | Celia Stoltz |
| 16 | NISAN | 8 | Lena Solomon |
| 16 | NISAN | 8 | David Smith |
| 17 | NISAN | 9 | Shoshana Dannhauer |
| 19 | NISAN | 11 | Benjamin Weinstock |
| 20 | NISAN | 12 | Norman Yager |
| 20 | NISAN | 12 | Nathan Rubenstein |
| 20 | NISAN | 12 | Shirley Meyerowitz Levit |
| 20 | NISAN | 12 | Lawrence Real |
| 21 | NISAN | 13 | Harry Nichol |
| 21 | NISAN | 13 | Mordecai H. Berkowitz |
| 21 | NISAN | 13 | Esther Lee Silverman |
| 22 | NISAN | 14 | Herman Wrubel |
| 22 | NISAN | 14 | Daniel Ball |
| 22 | NISAN | 14 | Nathan Wilson |
| 23 | NISAN | 15 | Beatrice Leapman |
| 23 | NISAN | 15 | William Hotkin |
| 24 | NISAN | 16 | Harold Zakow |
| 24 | NISAN | 16 | Cecelia Moser |
| 24 | NISAN | 16 | Anita Smith |
| 25 | NISAN | 17 | Harry Goldberg |
| 25 | NISAN | 17 | Max Cohen |
| 26 | NISAN | 18 | Jean Salsburg |
| 26 | NISAN | 18 | Samuel Flexir |
| 27 | NISAN | 19 | Marvin Kornblum |
| 27 | NISAN | 19 | Fishel Phillips |
| 27 | NISAN | 19 | Rose Actor |
| 28 | NISAN | 20 | Milton Schiffman |
| 28 | NISAN | 20 | Barbara Levy |
| 28 | NISAN | 20 | Schena Etter |
| 29 | NISAN | 21 | Lois Brenner |
| 30 | NISAN | 22 | Charles David Green |
| 30 | NISAN | 22 | Ruth Bennett |
| 30 | NISAN | 22 | Louis Fink |

THE TREE OF LIFE

In Judaism, the "Tree of Life" often symbolizes the wisdom of the Torah. In Proverbs it says: "Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. It is a tree of life for those who grasp it, and those who draw near it are fortunate." Laws and customs connected with trees permeate the Bible and Talmud, providing an ethical basis underlying human relationships (tithing and charity) and the environment (ecology).

We have a beautiful Tree of life sculpture as you enter our main lobby on the right hand wall. Stop a minute next time you are in the building and look at the names and memories permanently ensconced there- most are happy memories- milestone events like b'nai mitzvahs, marriages and appreciations for life-long friends.

You will see momentous occasions like 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries and 80th or "special" birthdays commemorated on the tree. Other leaves document continuity celebrations for our congregation like births of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Testimonials of generous service to our congregation and other individuals are written in its' boughs.

It tells a story of a community- our community- one we can celebrate and continue to tell going forward.

This is a great time to purchase one and add to our legacy. Let this Tree of Life bring our congregation both physical and spiritual sustenance for the years to come.

To purchase a leaf, contact Carol Actor (cffactor@verizon.net). Leaves are \$150 each.

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| 7 28 adar II 10:30 am-Tikkun Olam/Social Action/ JRA/CBJ/PACS Food Distribution Pick Up | 8 29 adar II | 9 1 nisan ROSH CHODESH | 10 2 nisan 7:00 pm - Rosh Chodesh Circle - CBJ Library | 11 3 nisan | 12 4 nisan 6:30 pm Consecration & Community Shabbat - Potluck Shabbat Dinner with Family Friendly Service | 13 5 nisan 9:30 am Service SHABBAT HACHODESH Shemini | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 6 nisan 10:00 am Rabbi Sultar's Adult Ed Class | 15 7 nisan | 16 8 nisan | 17 9 nisan Executive Committee/then 7:15 pm Minyan, followed by Board Meeting | 18 10 nisan | 19 11 nisan 7:30 pm Service Sisterhood Shabbat led by Jodi Rosenfeld | 20 12 nisan 9:30 am Service SHABBAT HAGADOL Metzora | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 13 nisan Religious School Passover Celebration Time TBD | 22 14 nisan | 23 15 nisan 9:00 am Pesach Day 1 Service | 24 16 nisan 9:30 am Pesach Day 2 Service | 25 17 nisan INTERMEDIATE DAY PASSOVER | 26 18 nisan 7:30 pm Pesach Day 4 Service - Liberating the Soul During Pesach | 27 19 nisan 9:30 am Pesach Day 5 Service INTERMEDIATE DAY PASSOVER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 20 nisan SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ | 29 21 nisan 9:30 am Pesach Day 7 Service PASSOVER | 30 22 nisan 9:30 am Pesach Day 8 Service & Yizkor YIZKOR PASSOVER | <table><tr><td colspan="3">MARCH</td><td colspan="3">F S</td></tr><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr><tr><td>24³¹</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr><tr><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | | | | MARCH | | | F S | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 24 ³¹ | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | | |
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This page is for your convenience to facilitate the transaction. When making your contribution, please specify to which of the following funds you wish to donate. (A minimum contribution of \$10 per acknowledgement) You may wish to save this page for future use.

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Capital Fund - supports projects to maintain, enhance and beautify the Synagogue's building and facilities

High Holiday Appeal - annual fund raising campaign to support ongoing synagogue operations

Oneg/Kiddish Fund - donation go into the General Fund to support the purchase of refreshments after Shabbat services

Prayer Book Fund - any amount appreciated (\$35 donation for label of acknowledgement in prayer book – siddur, machzor, or chumash)

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B'nai Jacob Cemetery Association - for the upkeep of the cemetery

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund - for special uses as designated by the Rabbi

Sisterhood General Fund - for synagogue improvement projects (*please make check payable to "CBJ Sisterhood"*)

Pinkus Stern Torah Restoration Fund - for the repair of the Torah Scrolls, to purchase additional Torah Scrolls, and to enhance the ark and bimah



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