

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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| 2. November 12: | Don't Try This At Home – Recipes for Making a Golem |
| 3. December 10: | How Did the Golem Find Its Way to Prague? |
| 4. January 7: | Does a Golem Count in a Minyan? – The Golem in <i>Halacha</i> /Jewish Law |
| 5. February 4: | The Golem Comes to Israel |
| 6. March 10: | Starring & Supporting Roles – The Golem in Movies, TV Shows & Novels |
| 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 |



FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Sunday: Pick Up at Posted Times

November 19, 2023 10:30-10:45 AM
December 17, 2023 10:30-10:45 AM
January 14, 2024 10:30-10:45 AM
February 11, 2024 10:30-10:45 AM
March 10, 2024 11:30-11:45 AM
April 7, 2024 10:30-10:45 AM
May 5, 2024 11:30-11:45 AM
June 2, 2024 10:30-10:45 AM



CBJ has partnered with the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) and PACS to create a network for delivering groceries to resource challenged households in the Phoenixville Area one Sunday a month. We are now delivering to over 40 households in the area. **In order to make this program as successful as possible, we need your help delivering boxes!** It's a small commitment with a big impact.

All congregants are welcome to participate in this wonderful mitzvah delivering boxes to our neighbors in need!

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Ruth Yeiser at ryeiser@alumni.upenn.edu

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Congregation B'nai Jacob University Hosts a Speaker Shabbat!

November 17, 2023

7:30 PM



Hal Tucker will provide an update from our 2022
CeaseFire PA Gun Violence Prevention Session



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.

Join Us! For The Annual...



7:00 pm - Wednesday, November 22nd
(evening before Thanksgiving)

First United Methodist Church
865 Main Street, Phoenixville

CBJ

Chanukah Party

Sunday December 10th
11-12:30 pm



Latkes, games, music, crafts
& family fun!



Note: This is a regular day of Religious School
RSVP or for more information contact
admin@congbj.org or director@congbj.org



Community Menorah Lighting



Sunday December 10th time TBD

Gather with family and friend to celebrate
the 4th night of Chanukah

Ceremonial lighting of a large outdoor menorah.
Refreshments will be provided.

"We'll see you at the movies!"

- Sign-off to the review show
At The Movies by Roger Ebert z"l and Gene Siskel

Movie Discussion Night at CBJ:

You Are So Not Invited To My Bat Mitzvah

If you can, watch the movie beforehand on Netflix

Whether you're able to watch it or not, please join us for a discussion of this 2023 depiction of preparing to become a Jewish adult (while still in middle school). With all of its peer pressure, it's "keeping up with the Joneses," and some serious consideration about what the deeper meaning of it all is.

At our Friday night *Kabbalat Shabbat* service

December 15, 2023 at 7:30 PM

DONATIONS

Capital Fund

Mark and Lori Snow in memory of my Mark's father, Louis Snow

Congregation B'nai Jacob

Hal Katz in memory of Sandy Katz's father-in-law, Rabbi Matthew Simon

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Siddur

Joel and Judy Eisner and Family in memory of Amy Siegel's mother, Sally Siegel

Tanakh

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SPONSOR AN ONEG

Have something to celebrate?

Come celebrate with your CBJ family by sponsoring an Oneg on Friday nights and/or a Kiddush snack on Saturdays after services. We make it easy - contact Adrienne at 484-318-3385 (cell) or burnsao@gmail.com for details.

Seeking all CBJ foodies!

Come schmooze, nosh and help out with Synagogue functions! I need helping hands to set up Onegs and kiddushes, as well as other occasions, throughout the year. If you can give a little time, contact Adrienne at 484-318-3385 (cell) or burnsao@gmail.com for details.

CBJ Social Media

Use CBJ's Social Media (Facebook, CBJ website) to announce your events, special occasions etc. Contact Seth Loux - seth@louxfamily.com and Jerry Weiss - mjjmweiss7@gmail.com for the website

and/or Lorraine Schur - LSCHUR116@gmail.com and Jerry Weiss - mjjmweiss7@gmail.com for Facebook.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Birthday Wishes

2	Karen Motzer	10	Jonah Marcus
2	Karl Mellander	14	Bart Kaplow
3	Sara Londer	14	Teddy Kane
4	Jeff Blank	17	Lorraine Schur
4	Paul Segal	19	Adam Segal
5	Maya Davis-Goodstein	26.	Michele Driks-Moore
6	Brenda Honig	28	Nathan Liss
8	Edwina Valenci	30	Naomi Muhlberg



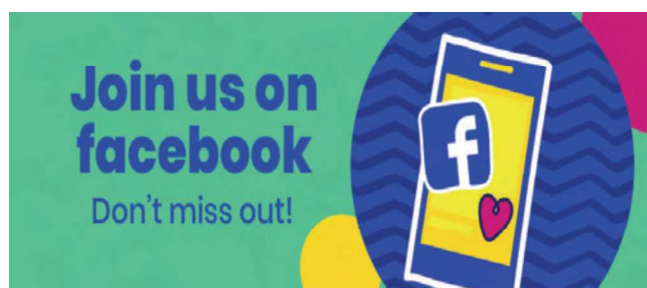
3	Katherine & Jon Ludwig
4	Lori & Mark Snow
6	Symme & Mike Trachtenberg
7	Linda & Seth Loux
9	Ruth & Tom Groves
18	Charles & Eileen Graham
22	Yetty Uscher & Andres Brainsky
23	Hope & Howard Schwartz

NOVEMBER YAHRZEIT

<u>November</u>	<u>Hebrew Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Honoree</u>
2	HESHVAN	18	Pittsburg 11
2	HESHVAN	18	Lillian Liss
4	HESHVAN	20	Celia Arker
4	HESHVAN	20	Dora Kreckovitz
4	HESHVAN	20	Meyer Shusterman
4	HESHVAN	20	Albert Arker
5	HESHVAN	21	Jacob Cinamon
5	HESHVAN	21	Joseph Kohn
5	HESHVAN	21	Scott Etter
5	HESHVAN	21	Bernard A. Bernard
6	HESHVAN	22	Frank Glosser
6	HESHVAN	22	Robert Sultar
7	HESHVAN	23	Jordan Driks
7	HESHVAN	23	Myer Goldberg
7	HESHVAN	23	Bobbie Dee Goldman
7	HESHVAN	23	Arthur Drucker
8	HESHVAN	24	Louis Bernstein
8	HESHVAN	24	Henry Drucker
9	HESHVAN	25	Andrew Solomon
9	HESHVAN	25	Bernard Berkowitz
9	HESHVAN	25	Diane Arlene Cooper
11	HESHVAN	27	Joseph Mirsky
13	HESHVAN	29	William H. Posner
15	KISLEV	2	Morris Weinberg
15	KISLEV	2	Eric Katz
16	KISLEV	3	Jay Heimlich
16	KISLEV	3	Morris Leichner
16	KISLEV	3	Minna Pauerstein Fury
17	KISLEV	4	Abba Zvi Goldberg
17	KISLEV	4	Lenore Green
18	KISLEV	5	Annette Meil
18	KISLEV	5	Adolph Farkas
18	KISLEV	5	Marc Weinberg
19	KISLEV	6	Rebecca Bernard
19	KISLEV	6	Howard Rofsky
19	KISLEV	6	Chaia Debra Sampson
19	KISLEV	6	Marvin Greenberg
20	KISLEV	7	Moritz Einhorn
20	KISLEV	7	Shoshana Balassiano
21	KISLEV	8	Jerome Muhlberg
22	KISLEV	9	Jeanette Siegel Gordon
22	KISLEV	9	Rosalyn Katz Kling
23	KISLEV	10	Amelia Farkas
23	KISLEV	10	Edith Sandy
24	KISLEV	11	Myrel Rubenstein

NOVEMBER YAHREZIT (CONT.)

<u>November</u>	<u>Hebrew Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Honoree</u>
24	KISLEV	11	Charles Siegel
25	KISLEV	12	Antoinette Rothberg
25	KISLEV	12	Dorothy Edelman
25	KISLEV	12	Joseph Berger
26	KISLEV	13	Bessie Weisman
26	KISLEV	13	Mathilda Fink
27	KISLEV	13	Joseph Weinstock
27	KISLEV	14	Hermine Liss
28	KISLEV	15	Mindi Laurene Loux
29	KISLEV	16	Lee Leichner
30	KISLEV	17	Macy Solomon
30	KISLEV	17	Goldie Fair
30	KISLEV	17	Benjamin Cohen



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CBJGroup>

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	DECEMBER S M T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		1 17 cheshvan	2 18 cheshvan	3 19 cheshvan 7:30 pm Service Birthday/Aniv Shabbat w/ Ice Cream Sundae Oneg	4 20 cheshvan 9:30 am Service
5 21 cheshvan 3:00 pm - Sisterhood Speaker	6 22 cheshvan	7 23 cheshvan Fundraiser: Dine & Donate @ Vecchia in Phoenixville (restaurant hrs 5-8:30 pm)	8 24 cheshvan	9 25 cheshvan	10 26 cheshvan 6:30 pm Community Shabbat - Potluck Shabbat Dinner with Services 7:30 pm Family Friendly Services VETERANS DAY (Observed)	11 27 cheshvan 9:30 am Service 7:00 pm Wine Tasting Fundraiser CANADIAN REMEMBERANCE DAY Chaye Sarah
12 28 cheshvan 10:00 am Rabbi Sultar's Adult Ed Class	13 29 cheshvan	14 1 kislev	15 2 kislev Executive Committee/then 7:15 pm Minyan, followed by Board Meeting	16 3 kislev	17 4 kislev 7:30 pm Service CBJ U: Speaker Shabbat, Hal Tucker-Gun Violence Prevention Update	18 5 kislev 9:30 am Service
19 6 kislev 10:30 am-Tikkun Olam/Social Action/ JRA/CBJ/PACS Food Distribution Pick Up NO Religious School	20 7 kislev	21 8 kislev ROSH CHODESH	22 9 kislev 7:00 pm Phoenixville Area Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - United Methodist Church	23 10 kislev	24 11 kislev 7:30 pm Service	25 12 kislev 9:30 am Service
26 13 kislev NO Religious School	27 14 kislev	28 15 kislev	29 16 kislev	30 17 kislev THANKSGIVING		

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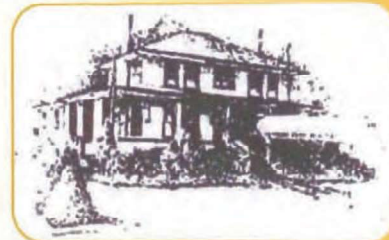
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