

Hakol

The Voice of Congregation B'nai Jacob

Congregation B'nai Jacob of Phoenixville, PA

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January 2018

Our mission is to provide a place rooted in Jewish tradition where all people feel welcome, supported and enriched. We strive to foster connections to our past, to our future and to the divine in an intimate, accepting community.

Service Times

Daily Minyan Monday to Thursday	7:00pm
Friday Night	7:30pm
(Unless Community Shabbat)	
Saturday Morning	9:30am
Sunday Morning	9:00am
(When Religious School in session)	

Candle Lighting

January 5	4:33pm
January 12	4:40pm
January 19	4:48pm
January 26	4:56pm



Something Shabbat Every Friday

Jan 5 th	Happy New Year Pizza Shabbat – Pizza in the Social Hall followed by services 6:30 PM
Jan 12 th	Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
Jan 19 th	<i>Community Shabbat:</i> Family-friendly service featuring the CBJ BAND followed by dinner 6:30 PM
Jan 26 th	Guest Speaker Shabbat – TBA

Learning For Life

We continue our year-long exploration of Judaism as it relates to other religions, how it's similar and how it differs, what we can learn from others and what they can learn from us. All classes begin at 10:00am and are taught by Rabbi Sultar.

January 7: At the Entrance to the Garden of Eden Part 3: Chapters 6-7, pp. 235-315

February 11: "Dabru Emet" (September 2000 statement issued by over 170 Jewish scholars on how Judaism should regard Christianity in the 20th century)

"Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the Jewish Community" (April 1994)

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Dear Chaveirim/Friends:

For those who were out-of-town or too busy cooking on the evening before Thanksgiving, here's the reflection that I offered at the Phoenixville Interfaith Service. When asked to speak, I was told that it was also customary for whoever was talking to also select the readings for the service, and that they should resonate with the main message. So first, here are the selections I made, each one read by a representative of a different church, followed by a brief period of silence:

Ethics of the Sages, 4:1:

Ben Zoma says: Who is wise? Those who learn from everyone, as it says, "I have acquired understanding from all my teachers" (Psalm 119:99). Who is mighty? Those who conquer their impulse, as it says, "slowness to anger is better than a mighty person and the ruler of their spirit than the conqueror of a city." (Proverbs 16:32). Who is rich? Those who are happy with their lot, as it says, "When you eat [from] the work of your hands, you will be happy, and it will be well with you" (Psalm 128:2). "

Ethics of the Sages, 2:21:

This was a favorite teaching of Rabbi Tarfon: "It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but you are not free to stop from doing it either."

Deuteronomy 16:20:

"Justice, justice shall you pursue"

Anne Frank:

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Babylonian Talmud, Ta'anit 23a:

One day, Honi the Circle Maker was walking along the road when he saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked the man, "How long will it

take for this tree to bear fruit?"

The man replied, "Seventy years."

Honi then asked the man, "And do you think you will live another seventy years and eat the fruit of this tree?"

The man answered, "Perhaps not. However, when I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my father and grandfather. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees."

And then, here's my reflection:

Treasuring the Imperfect World

It's wonderful to be with everyone this evening. Our being here together brings to mind something said by Sister Johanna, who lives in a convent outside of Jerusalem. She was talking with Yossi Klein Halevi about the importance of people from different religious backgrounds learning from each other, as he records in his book At the Entrance to the Garden of Eden: A Jew's Search for God with Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land. Sister Johanna said, "Each time we meet, drop by drop, we get a little closer to what God wants of us."

My question for us tonight is, "How do we walk the difficult tightrope – between being grateful for the world as it is, while at the same time *not* accepting those parts of our world that can be better than they are now?" E.B. White, the author of such classics as *Charlotte's Web* and *Stuart Little*, summed up this complicated balancing act very well when he said, "I get up every morning determined to both change the world and [to] have...a good time. Sometimes this makes planning my day difficult."

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. When considering the question of whether we should be grateful for what we have or dissatisfied with the shortcomings of our world that need our attention to make them better, we need to remember that it's all too easy not to do *either* of those things: **not** to be grateful for what we have *and* **not** actively working to make this world a better place.

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Too often we figure we'll be satisfied, we'll be grateful, we'll be thankful, when something happens in the future, or in a different place. Whereas, really, we're always already there.

Consider the story from a few 100 years ago by the Chasidic master Rabbi Bunam: In the city of Cracow there lived a widow named Sarah, who barely supported herself by selling eggs in the marketplace. She lived in desperate poverty for year after year. One night, she had a dream that there was a wooden trunk filled with treasure buried under a stone bridge in the faraway city of Prague. When she woke up, she wondered at the dream, but then forgot all about it, until the next night when she had the very same dream. When she had the exact same dream for a third night in a row, she began to wonder if something might be going on. But still, it was just a dream. And yet, what if it were true?

Finally, Sarah couldn't stand it any longer, and she traveled the long distance from Cracow to Prague, and then followed the river, and before long came to the exact stone bridge that she'd seen in her dream.

What wasn't in her dream, though, was the King's guard, who stood watch around the bridge night and day. Sarah tried to stay out of sight, waiting for the moment when the bridge would be unguarded, but before that happened, the guard noticed her and came over, gruffly asking, "What are you doing?"

Completely intimidated by the guard, Sarah blurted out the full story, describing her dream about the treasure buried under the bridge. No sooner were the words out of her mouth, when she was struck with a great fear that now the guard would find the treasure.

Instead, his harsh face transformed first into a little smile, and then into a wide grin, and then he began laughing and laughing. When he finally caught his breath, the guard mocked Sarah, "You came all this way because of a dream? Why, if I believed such dreams, I'd have had to follow the one that told me to go all the way to Cracow, to

the tiny house of a poor widow named Sarah who sells eggs in the marketplace, and to dig under her stove, where there's a wooden chest filled with treasure." Practically sneering now, the guard went on, "You believe your dream? Well, go ahead, be my guest, dig to your heart's content."

But Sarah only thanked him and backed away, and then started immediately on her long journey back home. Once she got there, she pushed aside her stove and began digging, and before long her shovel struck something hard, and soon she'd uncovered a large wooden trunk filled with treasure.

If this were a fairytale, it would end with Sarah living happily ever after. In the original Chasidic version, it ends with her of course dedicating her new-found wealth to building a new synagogue for her town.

For us, in our own day, the first lesson we might draw from the story is just as Ben Zoma said, as we heard a few minutes ago, "Who is rich? Those who are happy with their lot." When we look for happiness elsewhere, we rarely find it, but when we dig down into our own life, that is where happiness can most readily be found. When we look elsewhere, it means that we're not content with what we already have, and it can be hard to feel grateful.

But if that were the only lesson to be drawn from the story of the buried treasure, then why couldn't Sarah simply have dreamt that she should immediately dig under the stove in her little home. Instead, she dreamt that she should go somewhere else, and it was only by doing so, that she realized that what she needed had been in her possession all along, just as Dorothy learns at the end of The Wizard of Oz.

The lesson from the story might be two-fold, then, that first, what we should be grateful for is all around us all the time, and second, that while there may be no place like home, there may be no other way to realize that than to leave home and then come back again.

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There's something else in the story, though, that's not just about Sarah and her own personal happiness or gratitude. According to the story, it's important that Sarah get up and leave her home, to go on her long journey to Prague and then back home again. And so let's imagine what she experiences along the way: she had lived mired in her own poverty, but now she begins to see that she's not the only one who is in deep need. She sees many poor people like herself. Many people struggling and striving to provide for their families.

And we can imagine that when she returns to her home in Cracow, and when she digs beneath her stove and finds the wooden trunk filled with treasure, it's not just that the same old person now lives in a changed reality. It's very possible that not only the situation has changed, but that Sarah herself has changed. The person digging under her stove in her home is not the same person who set out to dig under a stone bridge in Prague. And *that's* why she couldn't have just dreamt to dig under her own stove at the beginning.

Sarah has new-found wealth, and no doubt feels great gratitude for it, but the *new* Sarah now feels an additional **discontent**, an additional dissatisfaction with the world. If she had simply dreamed to dig under her stove and then found the treasure, she would no doubt have been grateful for her new-found good fortune. Because of her journey, though, she was also exposed to much in the world that needed her attention, that required of her that she do something to help others.

The lesson of the story, then, isn't simply that we should each be grateful for what we each *individually* have. Ben Zoma is right: "Who is rich? Those who are happy with their lot." But that's only half of the equation. We *should* each be grateful for all we have. But we should also be unaccepting, intolerant, of what **others** *don't* have. The tightrope walk that the story requires of us is that we be grateful and dissatisfied at the same time.

This dual reality reminds me of a song that we

sing every year at the Passover seder, called *Daiyeinu*, which means "it would have been enough." The song lists each step along the way from slavery in Egypt to beginning the Exodus to receiving the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai, and then on to settling in the Land of Israel. After each of eleven steps, we sing the refrain *Daiyeinu*, it would have been enough.

If people are paying attention, someone will inevitably ask – really? Is it true that it would have been enough to be freed from Egypt but then to be killed by Pharaoh's army at the Red Sea? Or to achieve freedom from slavery without receiving the Ten Commandments? Or to wander in the desert for 40 years and to never actually reach the Promised Land? Really? That'd be enough?

Perhaps the song means that we are supposed to be grateful, fully appreciative and thankful, for each step along the way, for how far we've gotten. *Daiyeinu*, it would have been enough for us. We never know where we're really going to eventually end up, so we need to be thankful for where we are, for, as Ben Zoma teaches us, "our lot."

And yet, with each step further along, new possibilities also then come into view, which we wouldn't have even been able to necessarily see without the step just taken. We should be grateful for each step forward, and paradoxically, each new step forward also allows us to see what else is possible.

And so the song also tells us that the process of liberation, of moving forward into history, is never finished, but always a work in progress. Prompting Rabbi Tarfon to remind us that "It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but you are not free to stop from doing it either."

As Anne Lamott writes in her book, Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers, "Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior. It almost always makes you willing to be of service, which is where the joy resides" (pp. 56-57).

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And the psalms teach us about gratitude when they tell us, "Teach us to treasure each day, that we may open our hearts to God's wisdom." While all religions require of us that we feel gratitude, they also push us further. They remind us that it's not enough to feel gratitude, to find the treasure in each day, for its own sake. Instead, thankfulness is supposed to open us up to God's wisdom, to inspire us to serve others and to transform our world.

Thanksgiving is a harvest festival; we are grateful for the harvest of this past year. And, like all good farmers, even as the crop is in for *this* season, we are already turning our eyes to what seeds we will plant in the year to come, to what trees we will plant now that will bear fruit for our neighbors, and for the generations to come.

And let us say, Amen.

Rabbi Jeff Sultar

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Something Shabbat Every Friday – a Midyear Review

As you may recall (and even if you don't, keep reading!), in September's issue of *Hakol*, I told you about a new programming initiative for strengthening our Friday night service attendance. I wrote:

When I was in college, the Department of Student Affairs used to sponsor a program called Something Every Friday. Something Every Friday meant that every Friday, at 8:00 PM, a different event took place in the Campus Center – sometimes a band, sometimes a hypnotist, sometimes a dance party. Students were drawn to the Campus Center not only to connect with their friends, but because there was a variety of things to experience from one week to the next.

One of the trends we've noticed over the past several years at CBJ is that our Friday night service attendance is low – very low. The Religious Life Committee and the Board have spent the past several months discussing this problem and brainstorming how we can make Friday nights more exciting and enticing for our members. We've talked with members young and old – those who are regular service attendees, sporadic attendees, and those who never come on Friday nights. We've listened to an array of ideas from "more pizza!" to "more music!" and have synthesized those ideas into what we hope will be an exciting experiment.

We concluded that, while Shabbat alone is enough of a reason to celebrate, Shabbat evenings might benefit from some additional programming – additional reasons to come out on a Friday night to join one another at synagogue... Something Shabbat Every Friday.

In this January issue, I am pleased to report that *Something Shabbat Every Friday* has thus far been very successful. Except for a few unprogrammed Friday nights falling during vacation weeks such as Thanksgiving weekend, we have had well over a minyan each Friday. Highlights have included a potluck Shabbat dinner and service at the home of Carol Actor and Mitchel Kling, guest speaker Sandra Lawson, and our new monthly birthday/anniversary celebration Shabbats followed by a make-your-own-ice-cream-sundae oneg!

If you have been considering joining us on a Friday night but have wondered whether other CBJ friends will be there – they will! Please join us.

Mark your calendars now:

Something Shabbat Every Friday **Winter/Spring Schedule**

January

5th Happy New Year Pizza Shabbat – Pizza in the Social Hall followed by services 6:30 PM

12th Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM

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January (cont)

- 19th *Community Shabbat*: Family-friendly service featuring the CBJ BAND followed by dinner 6:30 PM
26th Guest Speaker TBA 7:30 PM

February

- 2nd Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
9th *Community Shabbat*: Family-friendly service featuring the CBJ BAND followed by dinner 6:30 PM
16th Welcoming Adar – stand up comedy Shabbat (bring your favorite joke) 7:30 PM
23rd Guest Speaker TBA 7:30 PM

March

- 2nd Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
9th *Community Shabbat*: Pot Luck Shabbat dinner and family-friendly service at the Rosenfeld's home 6:30 PM
16th Amelia Anton Bat Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM
23rd Avery Schwartz Bar Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat –Pizza in Social Hall followed by services 6:30 PM
30th First night of Pesach – no service. Enjoy your Seder!

April

- 6th Passover – regular service 7:30 PM
13th *Community Shabbat and Consecration*: Family-friendly service featuring the CBJ BAND followed by dinner 6:30 PM
20th Sisterhood Shabbat and Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
27th Sam Ludwig Bar Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM

May

- 4th Brendon Schwartz Bar Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat and *Community Shabbat*: Family-friendly service featuring the CBJ BAND followed by dinner 6:30 PM

- 11th *Scholar-in-Residence Weekend* with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine
18th Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
25th Memorial Day Weekend – regular service 7:30 PM

We can't wait to celebrate Shabbat with you!

Jodi Rosenfeld

COMMUNITY SHABBAT

January 19th
6:30 pm

Please join us for our monthly multi-generational Community Shabbat Celebration! It will be family, child and adult friendly. The early part of the service will feature instruments and music of our CBJ Players (not to mention shaker eggs). It will be followed by dinner prepared by our own members, beginning around 7:30 PM.

Please RSVP to admin@congbj.org





Sisterhood provided the Pub Snacks and help for the Congregation's "Cheers to Murder" fundraiser. Thanks to all who assisted during the event to make it a success!



Time to order Purim Bags!: Sisterhood will be providing the entire congregation, including snowbirds and college students, with Purim bags. Bags are always filled with wonderful treats and can be sent to family and friends anywhere in the country. Order form and details in this issue of Hakol.

The Religious School has just received a donation of \$87 from Sisterhood for the latest Box Tops submission. We know that there are more in homes of the CBJ community, so please take the time to cut them out and bring them in! The collection box is outside the office door. **Every little pink rectangle counts!**



Mazal Tov! Sisterhood B'nai Jacob receives two awards!! Sisterhood is proud to announce we are the recipients of two Women's League of Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) awards in the last six months. As previously announced, we won and accepted a **Jewels of the Crown Award** for providing programs that nurture and sustain Jewish life and vitality. We are proud to be part of an elite group which has been acknowledged as the "glittering jewels in the Women's League crown." We also received an **Award of Honor** for our Torah Fund fundraising efforts from the 2016-2017 Torah Fund Campaign of WLCJ. We thank everyone who comes to our activities and supports Torah Fund. We hope to do more for our member sisters and CBJ in the future!

Sisterhood and Chanukah: Sisterhood sent home with the religious school students our annual goodie bags. Hope your family enjoyed the Chanukah candles, dreidel, and gelt!

****New!!! Lightweight rectangular tables** were purchased by Sisterhood to replace the older heavy ones in the Social Hall. Thanks to Seth Loux for obtaining them for us!



Save-the-date for Sisterhood's annual Torah Fund luncheon hosted by Karen Real at her lovely home in Phoenixville on **Sunday June 24**.

Please plan to join us! If you are able to provide a little help, please contact Marilyn Tassencourt at 610-647-9330 or 39across@gmail.com Giving to the Torah Fund Campaign is an opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism.

Sisterhood Wine Closet The famous Sisterhood wine closet is back in business. **Moscato, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Grigio, Merlot, and Champagne** are stocked and also a good selection of kosher wine and champagne can be ordered for your personal and gifting needs. All your favorites! Order forms are available. For more information, contact Marilyn Tassencourt:

610-647-9330 or 39across@gmail.com



Sisterhood's Gift Shop – Our gift shop is well stocked all year with simcha needs as well as special holiday needs or a last minute gift idea. The shop is open when the office is open and you can also contact Rebecca Boylan at raboylan@comcast.net or 610-327-8217 to find any item that you don't see there.

Sisterhood Catering Service – We will be glad to help you with your simcha. Sisterhood will put out all food, paper goods, centerpieces, and wine as well as ensure that the social hall is ready for you and your guests. We want to make sure your special day is one to remember. The "sisters" enjoy the time together and welcome the opportunity for more members to join us in providing these worthwhile services.

Funeral Luncheons – If you are able to be on our list of food preparers or helpers for your fellow congregants in a time of need, please contact Diane Liss at 610-935-8646 or dianeliss@comcast.net

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Sisterhood B'nai Jacob Event Calendar 2017-2018 Join us!

Sunday February 18th, 9 am: Assemble Purim bags and begin delivery.

All congregants are welcome to help Sisterhood assemble the Purim bags and perform the mitzvah of insuring that everyone receives a bag!

Tuesday March 20th, 6:30 pm: Sisterhood social activity TBD!!

Sunday June 24th, 12:30 – 2:30: Torah Fund Luncheon hosted by Karen Real at her home.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

At the mid-year point in the school calendar, students, teachers and parents have welcomed and adjusted well to the new curriculum and format and the co-op volunteer model for special programming.

Earlier in December our older students (3rd through 7th) transitioned into a second trimester for studies related to Israel, Holidays/Calendar, and Life Cycle/Traditions. In January, students will also transition into a second semester for new content related to Biblical and Modern History. In this way students are exposed to a larger and more varied scope in curriculum. Group activities continue with Hebrew through Movement and morning and afternoon services. Later this month, students will attend Shabbat School and our older students will participate in the World Wide Wrap.

Our parents have embraced the co-op volunteer model for our special programming and the school community is fortunate to have community members support school programming by volunteering their time and expertise.

All community members are welcome to participate!

November 10, Community Shabbat Meal

Many thanks to Hope Schwartz, Angela Balduzzi, Jodi Rosenfeld, Irene Londer, Hanoch Edelman, Sharon Mahan, Michele Aguirre-MacKenzie, Amy Borla, and community member Sonja Goldman.

December 17, Hanukkah Program Latke Making

Our latke making crew included Jen and Mike Rosen, Hanoch Edelman, Mia Sigafoos, Sharon Mahan, and Irene Londer. They were led by community members Ruth Yeiser and Ruth Groves with help from fellow community member Rachel Wicks.

February 25, not that far away, Purim Carnival!

Karen Motzer is leading this program. She'll be looking for some gamers to help with this fun event.

Calling all women...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! JOIN US FOR ROSH HODESH

(THE MONTHLY CELEBRATION
OF THE NEW MOON)

SUNDAY, January 21st



7:00PM

THE CBJ LIBRARY

Bring a candle and a dairy/parve snack to share.

All are welcome (it doesn't matter if you've never come before!)

For more information, contact Jodi Rosenfeld at president@congbj.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

CBJ/Cemetery Joint Fundraiser



**Date: Saturday,
March 3, 2018**

Time: Doors Open at 6:45 PM

**Place: CBJ Social Hall at
Starr & Manavon**

Cost: \$20/person

Embrace your inner geek!

*Bring your friends, and show off
your Brain Power!*

*Door prizes, Raffle Baskets, Trivia
fun, and more!*

*Delicious light snacks
& desserts provided.*

BYO Beverages of choice.

*Teams of 8 work best, but the more the
merrier.*

**Please contact the CBJ office to
reserve your Team's table**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
PIZZA SHABBAT**



**JOIN US
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH
AT 6:30 PM FOR
A PIZZA PARTY
IN THE SOCIAL HALL
FOLLOWED BY
SERVICES AT 7:30 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY**

Designer Bag B I N G O

(Benefits Congregation B'nai Jacob and
hosted by Valerie Landis and Stephanie Rittenhouse)

Sunday, February 11th @ 2:30 pm
*** doors open at 1:30 pm**

Friendship Fire Company
269 Green Street Royersford, PA 19468

Play 20 rounds of BINGO for a chance to win a designer bag by
 Coach, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley & more!
 \$5 extra per card for special rounds



Tickets (Age 13 or older):

\$25 in advance
\$30 at door

To reserve tickets

By credit card:
<https://www.congbj.org/bingo/>

By check via mail:
 See below form

In person (please call ahead):

610-933-5550
 Congregation B'nai Jacob
 101 Manavon Street, Phoenixville



BINGO BASKET RAFFLES DOOR PRIZES

FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

~ADVANCED TICKET SALES~

By Cash or Check (payable to Congregation B'nai Jacob)
 Mail to: Congregation B'nai Jacob, PO Box 461, Phoenixville, PA 19460
 Detach and return this form with payment by February 5th



Name:

Email:

BINGO Items	Cost	# of Packets/ Extra Bonus Round Cards	Totals
Admission Packet 20 rounds of BINGO & a door prize ticket	\$25 packet		\$
Special Bonus Rounds - 2 rounds will happen (optional)	\$5 per card		\$
		Cash ~ Check Amount	\$

**Perform a
Mitzvah!**

GIVE SISTERHOOD **PURIM BASKETS!**

The mitzvah of giving *shalach manot* (Purim baskets) derives from the Book of Esther. It is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim feast held later in the day, and to increase love and friendship among Jews as a counter to Haman's assertion that the Jewish people are characterised by strife and disunity.

According to the halakha, every Jew over the age of Bar and Bat Mitzvah should send a food gift consisting of two different types of food to at least one recipient.

**Show your loved ones you care -
Send the gift of a personalized Purim Bag!**



**Do you want to send special
Purim Greetings?**

Make it easy and a mitzvah:
Send greetings to the entire
congregation for \$118!

~ OR ~

Select the names of the families to receive
your greetings for \$4.00 each.

As a courtesy, Sisterhood will pack and pay
to ship any baskets purchased for our
congregational "snowbirds" in Florida!



Order forms must be received by Friday, February 9, 2018

PURIM BASKETS



Sisterhood Shalach Manot (Purim Basket) Order Form 2018

GREETING OPTIONS

1) Send Purim greetings to the entire congregation! **Such a bargain - \$118!!**

OR

2) Have your name added to the Mishloach Manot greeting card for members you select from the attached list.

Name on Greeting: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Email Address: _____

GREETING OPTIONS

Greetings to the entire congregation: @ \$118.00 = _____

OR

Add my name to the greetings of people I select on the attached list. (Don't forget your child's teacher!)
*** PLEASE CIRCLE THE NAME(S) ON THE ATTACHED FORM ***

B'nai Jacob Auto-reciprocate - Make sure you do not forget anyone! Check here if you would like to have your name included on the greetings list of anyone who sends a basket to you.
We will bill you for any additional amount (\$4.00 per greeting, if applicable).

Number of greetings per family/person: _____ @ \$4.00 each = _____

PURCHASING ADDITIONAL BASKETS

Extra Purim baskets are available for you to give to friends (Just add \$10.00 per basket)

Have a college student (or someone else) who would love a surprise in the mail?

Sisterhood will arrange shipping for an additional \$10.00 per basket.

(Just add \$10.00 per basket for shipping - along with the \$10 per basket charge for a total cost of \$20)

EXTRA BASKETS

Total number of extra baskets ordered: _____ @ \$10.00 each = _____

Total extra baskets requiring shipping: _____ @ \$10.00 each = _____

Grand Total: _____

If you require shipping, please provide name(s) and mailing address(es): _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Check enclosed (Please make check payable to Sisterhood B'nai Jacob)
 Please have Sisterhood bill me

ORDER FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH (No exceptions, please!)

Any questions, please contact Valerie at the office 610-933-5550.

PURIM BASKETS

Last Name	First	Check here	Last Name	First	Check here
Sultar	Rabbi Jeff Sultar & Julia Bell		Fetzner	Paige and Torri	
Actor	Ruthe		Fleisher	William & Malamati	
Actor	Dr. Carol & Dr. Mitchel Kling		Ford-Bey	Jennifer	
Albert	Shelli		Gabbert	Edward & Shoshannah Moyer	
Anton	Lisa & Jeffrey		Garber	Barbara	
Aguirre-MacKenzie	Scott MacKenzie & Michele		Goldberg	Fred & Dolores	
Baer	Daniel and Ronnie		Goldberg	Larry & Rhoda	
Baskin	Dr. Andrew & Dawn		Goldman	Sonja	
Bell	Dr. Gerald & Carlyn		Goodman	Dr. Norman & Arlene	
Berger	Carol		Goodman	Jeffrey & Heather	
Berger	Lee & Barbara		Graham	Charles & Eileen	
Blank	Dr. Jeffrey & Bonnie		Green	Tzivya	
Borla	Amy & Juan		Groves	Tom & Ruth	
Boylan	Rebecca & Daniel		Harbon	Mony & Freda	
Bruno	Arthur (Bob) & Karen		Holloway	Amanda	
Burns	Michael & Adrienne		Honig	Harold & Brenda	
Caplan	Marc & Amanda		James	Sheli	
Casper	Tess		Kabler	Dr. Ronald & Brenda	
Cohen	Dr. Allan & Barbara		Katz	Harold & Kate	
Cohen	Jonathan & Connie		Kerner	Steven	
Cooper	Brad & Sharon		Koller	Larry & Kathy	
Copeland	Dan & Rachel		Kulick	Kenneth	
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Fegan	Lisa & Bruce		Ludwig	Jon & Katherine	

PURIM BASKETS

Last Name	First	Check here	Last Name	First	Check here
Mahan	Sharon & George		Schwartz	Larry & Angela Balduzzi	
Mandlowitz	Gerald & Linda		Segal	Linda	
Margolis	Leah		Shniper	John	
Margolis	Howard & Pamela		Sigafoos	Doug & Mia	
Marks	Adam & Jessica		Silverman	Dr. Marvin & Connie	
Marks	Jonathan & Anna		Singer	Gary	
Marotta	Deborah & Mark		Skopp	Stephen	
Miller	Eric & Dr. Amy Siegel		Snow	Mark & Lori	
Moskowitz	Mark		Steinberg	Bob and Dana	
Motzer	Chris & Karen		Stern	Paul	
Neumann	Jerry & Naomi		Stern	Gisela	
Neumann	Shirley		Stone	Sanford	
Real	Dr. Mark & Karen		Tassencourt	Marilyn	
Reznik	Pearl		Trachtenberg	Michael & Symme	
Rich	Tracey		Troberman	Cheryl	
Robbins	Michael Schwartz & Alyssa		Troy	Dr. Alan & Mamie	
Robin	Mitchell & Betsey		Tucker	Dr. Hal & Dr. Karen Pozefsky	
Rofsky	Joan		Tucker	Barbara & Arnold	
Rosen	Michael & Jennifer		Valenci	Dr. Jay & Edwina	
Rosenfeld	Drs. Jonathan & Jodi		Veraska	Heather and Tim	
Rothstein	Dr. Zel & Donna		Verbit	Alan & Donna Friedman	
Rubenstein	Lyn		Walker	Dr. Jasen & Esther Weiss	
Salsburg	Dr. Michael & Linda		Weinstock	David	
Salzberg	Irene		Weinstock	Dr. Joseph & Hanni	
Schasberger	Ty Bailey & Britta		Weinstock	Michael	
Schiffman	David & Anne		Weiss	Jerry & Mary Jane	
Schiffman	Shirley		Wicks	Rachel & George	
Schultz	Bill & Renee		Yeiser	Charles & Ruth	
Schur	Stephen & Lorraine		Zavod	Andrea	
Schwartz	Hope & Howard		Zavod	Diane	

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Cheers to Murder Night at CBJ Saturday, December 2



TREE OF LIFE

A Leaf has been ordered for our lovely Tree of Life in the Entrance Hall in Honor of Joshua Motzer On His Bar Mitzvah September 16, 2017.

A Leaf has been ordered for Lila and Greg Wark on their wedding, and celebrating the birth of Dexter Wark.

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DONATIONS

B'nai Jacob Cemetery

Joan Rofsky in memory of Morris Leichner
Joan Rofsky in memory of beloved husband, Howard Rofsky

Capital Fund

Shirley Schiffman in memory of Joseph Berger
Mary Jane and Jerry Weiss in honor of Eric Miller's 50th bar mitzvah anniversary
Owen and Mary Lou Siegel in memory of Phyllis Miller
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Marilyn Tassencourt in memory of Benjamin Margolis
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Cheryl Trobman in honor of Eric Miller's 50th bar mitzvah
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Paul and Robyn Forbes Drucker in memory of Arthur Drucker
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Ken and Marsha Schwartz in honor of grandson Brendon Schwartz

High Holiday Prayer Book

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Linda and Michael Salsburg in memory of Daniel Salsburg
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Brad Cooper in memory of beloved mother, Diane Cooper
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Ken Kulick in memory of Benjamin Kulick

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS



Birthday Wishes

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Terra Gabbert | 23 | Hannah Tucker |
| 2 | Carol Berger | 23 | Jacob Tucker |
| 3 | Cadon MacKenzie | 23 | Rebecca Boylan |
| 4 | Ruth Groves | 24 | Norman Goodman |
| 5 | Seth Loux | 24 | Maxwell Veraska |
| 9 | Pam Margolis | 25 | Larry Schwartz |
| 10 | Benjamin Edelman | 27 | Joel Eisner |
| 11 | Robyn Forbes Drucker | 28 | Angelica Margolis |
| 12 | Zel Rothstein | 28 | Dee Goldberg |
| 15 | Helene Lebofsky | 28 | David Schiffman |
| 16 | Regine Miller | 29 | Charles Graham |
| 17 | Emmet Moskowitz | 30 | Joseph Weinstock |
| 18 | Brendon Schwartz | 30 | Jessica Marks |
| 20 | Carlyn Bell | 31 | Jay Valenci |
| 20 | Selene Gabbert | | |
| 21 | Mark Snow | | |



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| 3 | Karen & Mark Real |
| 3 | Bonnie & Jeff Blank |
| 4 | Shoshannah & Mike Gabbert |
| 11 | Esther Weiss Walker & Jasen Walker |

JANUARY YAHRZEIT

<u>January</u>	<u>Hebrew Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Honoree</u>
1	TEVET	14	Hillard Jaffe
2	TEVET	15	Jacob Siegel
3	TEVET	16	Rose Judge
3	TEVET	16	Esther Flexir
4	TEVET	17	Sarra Feldleyfer
4	TEVET	17	Theodore Fair
4	TEVET	17	Michael Segal
4	TEVET	17	Eva Eisenberg
5	TEVET	18	Esther Magrill
6	TEVET	19	Morris Jenkins
6	TEVET	19	Lillian Cohen
7	TEVET	20	Doris Casper
7	TEVET	20	Robert Gantert
8	TEVET	21	Morris Marshall
10	TEVET	23	Lazar Stern
11	TEVET	24	William Diamond
12	TEVET	25	Dorothy Mandlowitz
13	TEVET	26	Samuel Gottlieb
13	TEVET	26	Tobie Schwebel Kessler
13	TEVET	26	Harry Cohen
14	TEVET	27	Rebecca Marks
14	TEVET	27	Louis Etter
15	TEVET	28	Louis Magrill
16	TEVET	29	Katherine Shilofsky
17	SHEVAT	1	Channa Skopp
17	SHEVAT	1	David Shilofsky
18	SHEVAT	2	Samuel Bell
18	SHEVAT	2	Louis Dubis
19	SHEVAT	3	Sydney Weiss
19	SHEVAT	3	Harry Fink
19	SHEVAT	3	Bernard Cohen
20	SHEVAT	4	Manuel Ostroff
21	SHEVAT	5	Herman Sugarman
21	SHEVAT	5	Clarence Garber
22	SHEVAT	6	Ralph Lazar
23	SHEVAT	7	Max Reznik
24	SHEVAT	8	Mary Tucker
24	SHEVAT	8	Pearl Hoenig
25	SHEVAT	9	Shmuel Sampson
25	SHEVAT	9	Evelyn Rothfeld Ediken
26	SHEVAT	10	Irving Hirsch
26	SHEVAT	10	Samuel Rofsky
26	SHEVAT	10	Isaac Levit
26	SHEVAT	10	Joshua Grossman
29	SHEVAT	13	Jerome Weiswasser
29	SHEVAT	13	Jack Stone
30	SHEVAT	14	Evelyn Zatuchni
30	SHEVAT	14	Otto Katz
31	SHEVAT	15	Samuel Garber

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 14 tevet	2 Minyan - 7:00 pm	3 15 tevet Religious School 4:30 - 6:30 pm	4 16 tevet Board Meeting following Minyan - 7:00 pm	5 17 tevet Happy New Year Pizza Shabbat followed by service at 6:30 pm	6 18 tevet	19 tevet
7 20 tevet Religious School 9:00 am - noon	8 21 tevet Minyan - 7:00 pm	9 22 tevet Minyan - 7:00 pm	10 23 tevet Religious School 4:30 - 6:30 pm	11 24 tevet Minyan - 7:00 pm	12 25 tevet Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg Services - 7:30 pm	13 26 tevet
14 27 tevet NO Religious School	15 28 tevet Minyan - 7:00 pm	16 29 tevet Minyan - 7:00 pm	17 1 shevat Religious School 4:30 - 6:30 pm	18 2 shevat Minyan - 7:00 pm	19 3 shevat Community Shabbat 6:30 pm (CBJ Band & Dinner)	20 4 shevat
21 5 shevat Religious School 9:00 am - noon JRA food packing - noon Rosh Hodesh - 7:00 pm	22 6 shevat Minyan - 7:00 pm	23 7 shevat Minyan - 7:00 pm	24 8 shevat Religious School 4:30 - 6:30 pm	25 9 shevat Minyan - 7:00 pm	26 10 shevat Guest Speaker Shabbat TBA - Services 7:30 pm	27 11 shevat Shabbat School 9:00 - noon Shabbat Luncheon - all are welcome!
28 12 shevat NO Religious School	29 13 shevat Minyan - 7:00 pm	30 14 shevat Minyan - 7:00 pm	31 15 shevat Minyan - 7:00 pm	FEBRUARY S M T W T F S		Beshalach
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