

Hakol

The Voice of Congregation B'nai Jacob

Congregation B'nai Jacob of Phoenixville, PA

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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

Friday Night- (unless otherwise indicated)	7:30pm
Saturday Morning	9:30am

Candle Lighting

January 5	4:32pm
January 12	4:34pm
January 19	4:47pm
January 26	4:55pm

Events

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Community Shabbat— Jan 19	See p. 13
Non— Profit Community Expo— Jan 19-21	See p. 14
Rabbi's Music Program (off-site)- Jan 27	See Rabbi's Column
Murder Mystery Evening— Feb 10	See p. 15
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Happy New Year



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Something Shabbat Every Friday

- 5th Chocolate Shabbat— For a Sweet Secular New Year —7:30pm
- 12th In honor of MLK Weekend - Service 7:30pm
- 19th Community Shabbat— Potluck Shabbat Dinner with Family Friendly Service- 6:30pm
- 26th Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg— 7:30pm



Dear *Chaveirim*/Friends:

In a twist on the common saying that someone wears many hats if their job has many different roles, my rabbinic colleagues in congregations often jokingly observe that we wear many different *kippot*. Recently, I've also come to see that not only does it matter which *kippah* I happen to be wearing in any given moment, but **where** I'm wearing it also make a huge difference.

This thought could be a lead-in to a much more serious discussion than I intend. First, to why I wear a *kippah* nearly all the time, and second, how that practice feels different during a time of rising antisemitism. But since I brought those two aspects up, here's at least a quick word about each:

First, I wear a *kippah* for many different reasons, but the most significant one over time has its roots in a moment many years ago, when I realized that the main reason I wear one is to signal to myself that I'm entering into a moment of holiness. Perhaps when making a *b'racha*/blessing, perhaps when entering a synagogue, or studying a sacred text. One time it occurred to me that there wasn't a single moment **without** such holiness, and that I did not (or at least strove not to) make a distinction between explicitly religious moments and the rest of my life. It was at that moment when I decided to wear a *kippah* nearly all of the time, to remind myself that holiness was always all around and within me, in every moment, in every place. Whenever that seemed not to be the case, it was only because I had forgotten. The *kippah* is supposed to help remind me.

Which brings me to the second point: while the decision has been motivated by a desire for personal *kavanah*/intention, I have also had to be aware that this highly-personal practice has immediate ramifications for how I'm perceived by others. And so a few words about that major topic: I've had to be aware that people make all kinds of assumptions whenever they see the

kippah. People immediately know that I'm Jewish. Most assume that I'm Orthodox, even though that's not at all the case. And always, and even more so during this time of increasing antisemitism, people sometimes have strong negative reactions to seeing a *kippah*. All I can say, in brief, is that I'm fully aware of that, and sometimes, out of a heightened concern for my safety, have had some second thoughts about being so "out" about being Jewish. Most times, once I become conscious of such concerns, I can then compartmentalize them. I can recognize them without giving them power over me. I can remind myself that the goal of terrorism is to terrorize, and can choose not to give in to that fear. And mostly, it gives me an opportunity to recommit myself once again to being joyously, proudly, openly and unapologetically Jewish, come what may.

Which brings me to my main reason right now for talking about this, because of a wonderful serendipity and opportunity that's come up because of "where" I wore a *kippah*. That "where" is concerts. I tend to seek out, if you'll pardon the oxymoronic phrase, contemporary classical music. I of course love the classics, the "canon," and yet I always feel an added measure of excitement to be present at the creation of something new, especially a world premiere that's never been heard on stage before. Sometimes both bases get covered, since it's become a standard programming practice to pair an old "chestnut" that people already know and love (and therefore will buy tickets to hear) with a more contemporary work.

In every major city, there are also organizations that eschew anything that smacks of "the canon," of the classics, of anything more than a few years (or at least decades) old. They're dedicated to commissioning and performing new music. I became a "regular" at the concerts of one such Philadelphia organization, the Network for New Music. Became friendly with its Music Director. And because of the *kippah*, at some point he said he wanted to offer a program of Jewish-inspired music, and would I want to co-curate the program with him?

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RABBI'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

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My quick “yes” masked the fact that I had no idea at all what I was getting myself into! What it wound up entailing was thinking with him about the program, and listening to recordings of some potential pieces of music and offering feedback. As it turned out, my knowledge of the Philadelphia Jewish community led to match-making for the venue for the concert, as well as discussions that led to connections with some of the performers who would participate. Finally, some associations made while on sabbatical in Cambridge led to a partnership with a national Jewish music organization that opened up some opportunities for collaboration, financial support, and possibly a second performance of the program at a museum in New York City. All in all, after my initial concerns that I had little to offer, I’m excited and proud to have had a hand in helping shape and create this program!

And you’re invited. Here’s what you need to know:

The program is called **“What do we know? - A Concert Exploring the Human Experience Through Jewish Texts.”** It will be at 7:30 PM on **Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Germantown Jewish Centre, located at 400 West Ellet Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119.** Here’s a description of the program:

“A concert centered on exploring the human experience through Jewish texts and music, it is co-curated between Network for New Music, Rabbi Jeff Sultar (of Congregation B’nai Jacob in Phoenixville), the Germantown Jewish Centre, and Philadelphia Sinfonia (Maestro Gary White). On the program is Daniel Asia’s *Breath In a Ram’s Horn* – for voice, flute, clarinet, violin, cello, and piano and Judith Shatin’s *Elijah’s Chariot* – for string quartet and electronics. Also on the program are two works by Philadelphia Sinfonia concert-master Adah Kaplan, *Sh’veekeen*, *Sh’veeteen: Forgiven, Eradicated* for string trio, and *Waltz for a Hesitant Time* for string ensemble – performed in combined ensemble with players from the Philadelphia Sinfonia and members of the Germantown Jewish Centre string ensemble.”

Tickets will be available at the door, and also on-line through this link:

<https://www.networkfornewmusic.org/whatdoweknow>.

With all of our current concern about the increase in antisemitism, it’s nice to have this counter-story, about how being publicly “out there” as a Jew led to a collaboration which brings something new to the world, something of beauty and of power and of meaning. I hope you can join us on January 27.

L’Shalom,
Rabbi Jeff Sultar

LIVESTREAM

Livestream All Services

We are excited to announce CBJ Livestream! Just follow these steps:

1. Go to **www.congbj.org** from your PC, Laptop, Tablet or Phone
2. Scroll down and click the button under Services –
WATCH LIVESTREAM
3. Complete the very brief form and click **SUBMIT**
4. You will be taken to the CBJ Livestream page (BOXCAST) for the service

BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who made our **16th Annual Blood Drive** a success! Because of you, we were able to collect **44 pints of blood!** It is truly a mitzvah to help patients in need of blood. Each donation can help save up to 3 lives! Please plan to donate again when you are eligible, and definitely at our next annual blood drive which will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024.**



What is CBJ's "Secret Sauce" Part 2!

Last month, I mentioned we will look ahead together in 2024 to answer this question: ***"What is CBJ's Secret Sauce Enabling our Community to Thrive?"***

Webster's online dictionary defines **thriving** as "a condition beyond mere survival, implying growth and positive development." Key words associated with **thriving** are growing, flourishing, healthy and successful.

A Leadership Tool for Engagement. This month, at a date to be determined and in partnership with USCJ and our USCJ Consultant, we will undertake the **Thriving Congregations Assessment (TCA)** to assess our overall vitality. This collaborative exercise will support our shared Vision, help us further plan for our future and build upon our strengths.

Continuously Strive to Improve. We have limited capacity, so choosing initiatives that have the greatest potential promise for our culture is a critical leadership skill.

Thriving Congregations Leads to Deeper Reflection. Synagogues are complex and exceedingly diverse. There is no blueprint or single "recipe" for a thriving congregation. However, there are helpful nurturing ingredients present when a thriving synagogue is at work. These specific ingredients help us create and package our **"Secret Sauce"**. These elements are referred to as the "Attributes of Thriving Synagogues."

The Thriving Congregations Assessment process will help us:

- Identify Areas Where We Thrive
- Explore What is Driving Growth
- Identify Areas Where We Feel Stuck and Explore Why
- Consider Unexplored Areas Where We Could Potentially Thrive

The Thriving Congregation Assessment asks

questions based on 7 Foundational Practices of Thriving Congregations (approx. 60 questions in total)

- 1-Develop a Shared Compelling Vision of Jewish Community
- 2-Engage in Reflective and Accountable Leadership
- 3-Manage Change & Conflict
- 4-Ensure Adequate Financial Resources
- 5-Welcome Participation and Engagement
- 6-Motivate Deeper Engagement in Torah and Tefila
- 7-Advocate for Prophetic Justice & Practice Covenantal Caring

Why Utilize This Tool? This tool helps us to meaningfully engage in the questions to produce results helping us plan for our future in a strategic, meaningful way, with an online survey that takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. **We will learn about key attributes that contribute to a "successful" congregation, building on our strengths as a Community (The CBJ Secret Sauce).**

Plus, the results also provide insight into our congregational structure and function we would not have otherwise received.

How Will This Work and How Will We Review Our Thriving Congregation Assessment (TCA)?

- Board members, clergy and other CBJ leadership complete our TCA on SurveyMonkey; the results are compiled by USCJ admin staff.
- We receive the "results" of where our participants "moderately" or "strongly agreed" on statements, and "moderately" or "strongly disagreed."
- We identify CBJ Community areas of strength and areas of challenge
- We can discuss independently as an organization or with the assistance of our consultant.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

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As we continue our journey together, let's remember our Mission Statement:

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.

CBJ aspires to build a thriving community of all ages that find connections and points of entry to engage with meaningful explorations of Jewish life, Torah, Jewish thought, ritual, worship, and sustenance in daily life.

We continually strive for personal and community spiritual growth. We challenge the modern Jewish mind to wrestle with the richness of our tradition while repurposing and reengaging with that tradition. This challenge encourages our leadership to reach for the next "rung" on the ladder, to grow.

We are hopeful the *Thriving Congregations Assessment* (TCA) will engage our Leadership and Community in reflection and motivation with a vision to inspire greater learning, leading, spirituality, engagement and acts of *chesed* (kindness).

More information will be forthcoming including next steps to kick-off the assessment process.

L'Shalom,

Mark J. Snow
President
president@congbj.org



SISTERHOOD



Women of Congregation B'nai Jacob: all are welcome to join Sisterhood. Be part of the backbone of CBJ!

We're Pondering some Possibilities:

Bowling for Yentas
Philadelphia Jewish walking or trolley tour
One or two more Re-gifting Bingo nights

It's going to be a great year for CBJ Sisterhood, and all of us look forward to seeing all of you!

SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

2024

March 17 Tour of Jaffa (Yafo, as it is now called)

March 19 Social Event

April 5 Sisterhood Shabbat, led by Jodi Rosenfeld

June (TBD) Karen Real Torah Fund Luncheon

CBJ COVID POLICY

Covid vaccination and up-to-date booster status is strongly encouraged for all who are eligible.

NOTE: Covid vaccination is no longer required.

Masking is encouraged, especially for those who are unvaccinated or otherwise high risk. CBJ is a mask friendly community, and everyone who chooses to should feel comfortable masking.

NOTE: Masking is not required.

If you have an illness (e.g., fever, cough, flu-like symptoms, sore throat, etc.), then please stay home.

Food and drink are allowed (as per pre-Covid CBJ policy).

Live streaming will continue.

I Look Forward to Talking with You!

I look forward to meeting with you to talk about, well, just about anything that might be on your mind.

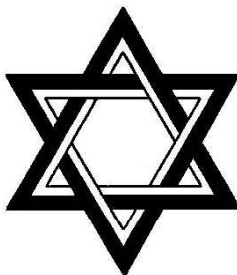
While you can always leave this to chance by just dropping by CBJ, it's best to call or e-mail to set a time for us to meet. While it's wonderful when people just stop by, sometimes people are frustrated that I'm not available when they do so. The problem is that much of the time I'm at CBJ is already scheduled with meetings; also, I frequently have meetings and Pastoral requirements that take me out of the building; and finally, I usually spend one day a week (typically Thursday) working at home.

For these reasons, never hesitate during "normal" hours to call my cell phone, and please also call the cell number at *any* time for a life-cycle emergency or for any other truly pressing matter. I typically check e-mail at least a few times during the day, but please also know that I have a "dumb" phone and do *not* get e-mails instantly when away from the computer. I get texts just fine.

While I always prefer talking in person, one of e-mails' best features is that it's good for finding mutually-good times to meet.

So be in touch, and let's figure out a good time to talk!

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Jeff Sultar
E-mail: rabbi@congbj.org
Cell Phone: (732) 606-5381



All members of CBJ have the opportunity to record with the synagogue the dates of *yartzeits* (anniversaries of the death) of people we love and want to remember.

Once CBJ has those dates, a reminder is sent out each year several weeks before the *yartzeit*. The name of the person being remembered is then read out loud on the *Shabbat* of or immediately preceding the *yartzeit*. Many people make an extra effort to attend the Friday evening or Shabbat morning service when the name is read, in order to say the Mourners *Kaddish*. Please know that these names are read out loud and *Kaddish* is said for them whether you're there or not. It is of course better when the person actually saying *Kaddish* is present. (We also read out loud each *Shabbat* the name of members and their family who have died for the entire 30 day (*shloshim*) period following the day of burial).

Some of our members prefer to say *Kaddish* on the actual day of the *yartzeit*. CBJ will always make every effort to make sure that there is a *minyan* at CBJ on the appropriate day so that this can happen (those services are usually scheduled for 7:00 PM). All you need to do is to contact Sandy Stone, whose email address is sbs1949@verizon.net, and cell phone is (484) 744-3266. Of course, it always helps to invite friends and family, and to give Sandy a sense of how many more people will be needed to reach the number of 10 Jewish adults.

Saying *Kaddish* is one of three ways that *yartzeits* are observed. Another is to light a 24 hour memorial candle in the evening when the *yartzeit* begins (keep in mind that Jewish days start the evening before the day). And the third is to give *tzedakah* specifically in memory of the person who has died, to continue to bring goodness into the world in their name, when they are no longer directly able to do so themselves. Many people choose to make a donation to their desired fund at CBJ for this purpose. And while we greatly appreciate these donations, the key thing is to give *tzedakah*, whether it's to CBJ or to some other organization close to the heart of the person you're remembering, or meaningful to you.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Many thanks to all our volunteers who helped make the Hanukkah party and parent/child program a huge success! Led by Jennifer Ford-Bey and Emma Quartapella thanks go out to Mary Jane and Jerry Weiss, Travis Ford-Bey, Mia Sigafoos, Eriko and Steve Liebers, Jessica Gargiulo, Diane Zavod, Wanda Siller, Jacob Marcus, Ruth Groves, Bekah Starr, and Isaiah Starr-O'Brien.



COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING

An amazing turnout on Sunday, December 10 for the community menorah lighting. Many CBJ members, local officials and other members of the community attended for the ceremonial lighting, singing of songs and consumption of latkes and donuts.



B'NAI JACOB CEMETERY

The Board of Directors of B'nai Jacob Cemetery Association has approved changes in fees that will take effect on 1 January 2024. The Perpetual Care Fee for CBJ members will be \$1,800, a 20% increase. Similar increases to other fees, which do not apply to CBJ members, will also go into effect. Fees have been held unchanged for the past 2-1/2 years and are now being adjusted to reflect the increase in costs that the Cemetery is experiencing.

All persons wishing to have B'nai Jacob Cemetery be their final resting place must reserve a burial lot in advance of need. CBJ members can reserve a burial lot without advance payment of fees. By pre-paying prior to need, however, CBJ members can ensure that the Cemetery's Perpetual Care Fee is "locked-in" for them or their estate and not subject to the current increase or future increases. Payments can be spaced-out over time to help ease financial burden.

B'nai Jacob Cemetery Association is a non-profit public charity that owns and manages the Cemetery. There are no paid employees. The Cemetery is a traditional Jewish cemetery that adheres to the rulings of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Judaism. Deceased persons of the Jewish faith and those deceased persons who were not Jewish, but were part of a Jewish family, can be buried in the Cemetery.

If you are considering making a reservation for a burial lot, would like to now pre-pay a fee for a reservation that you have already made or just wish to find out more about the Cemetery, please contact Valerie in the CBJ office. You will be put in touch with a representative of the Cemetery who will be able to provide information and assistance.

Steve Skopp
President, B'nai Jacob Cemetery Association

SCRIP PROGRAM

Support CBJ with our New Easy to Use CBJ RaiseRight Scrip Program

Support the new CBJ RaiseRight (formerly Shopwithscrip) by purchasing gift cards to your favorite stores and restaurants!

You purchase cards at face value and CBJ receives 2-20% on every purchase. Enjoy the convenience of having access to over 750 top brands from the comfort of your home or the ease of your phone!

ACME, Giant, Amazon, Target, Walmart, Home Depot, GrubHub and many more! Birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, donate to people in need...

I Instructions are below but you may always contact Lisa Anton, Scrip Coordinator, at lanton109@yahoo.com help you through the process.

Easy Enrollment on either your computer or phone:

1. Go to www.raiseright.com
2. Click "Join a Program" (desktop) or "Register" (cell)
3. Enter enrollment code: **97999E3432453**
4. Follow the prompts to create your account and start shopping!
5. Your cart will show your total cost and CBJ's profit.
6. Pay directly from your bank account (with a \$.15 ACH fee) or use a credit card.

For any questions or if you would like to pay with a check, please contact Lisa Anton, Scrip Coordinator, at lanton109@yahoo.com

MEET OUR MEMBERS

As an initiative of Team Engage, we are sharing interviews with CBJ members to promote engagement within the congregation.

Meet Michael and Janice Wagman – for Team Engage by Ellie Cantor

Michael and Janice Wagman are formers members of CBJ who recently returned to the congregation. They have been married for 33 years and have two children – a son, age 29, who is a computer engineer, and a daughter, almost 26-years-old, who works with special needs adults. Michael, like many of us at CBJ, hails from Northeast Philly, while Janice is originally from Long Island. They met in 1989 at a gathering for young Jewish professionals at Penn and were married the next year. They have lived in their current neighborhood since 1992.

In answer to that age-old question – What are your favorite Jewish foods? – Michael immediately said lox and bagel, but amended that with the fact that, if they weren't pescatarians, he'd want a thick NY corned beef sandwich with mustard on rye; for Janice, who prefers sweets more than Michael does, it would be rugelach and cheese kugel.

The Wagnans originally joined CBJ so that their children could attend religious school and have their bar and bat mitzvahs. While they don't consider themselves terribly religious, they are culturally engaged and take great pride in Judaism. Our rabbi at the time, Rabbi Mayer, explained that our congregation appeals to and welcomes all types of Jews from Orthodox to Reform, which sat well with them. They stayed on at CBJ while their children participated in USY, but when the children moved on to college, they drifted away.

Michael worked as a history teacher and then moved into school administration as the Director of IT, most recently in the West Chester Area. Now he is retired and fills his time with online courses, particularly on Eastern European/European history, and an extensive family genealogy project. Interestingly, that led to learning that Janice has generations of rabbis in her family past. He is also a Star Trek "geek" with lots of memorabilia. In fact, he was given life-sized Mr. Spock by his students when he left classroom teaching, and it was proudly on display behind him when we spoke by Zoom!

Janice is a teacher in the Perkiomen Valley District. Her areas are biology, genetics, and forensics. She originally received her degree in medical technology, then, along with some additional training, spent some time in cancer and HIV research at Temple and Penn Med before becoming a teacher.

In his newly-found spare time, Michael started doing some exploring – reading a variety of topics related to Judaism/history. He dug into the works of Mordechai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, and that resonated with him, especially the idea of seeing Judaism as an evolving religious civilization. Also, it made him feel he was not doing his part just wearing his mezuzah, but not participating to a greater degree. He and Janice looked at a Reconstructionist shul, but felt no connection there. Then they looked at the CBJ site, read that Rabbi Sultar had gotten smicha from Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, reached out, and felt a strong connection with him. As it was when they first joined, the CBJ congregation spans a wide variety of backgrounds and practice levels, and Janice was appreciative of the community aspect of belonging, so they rejoined and are happy with the decision. We welcome them home!

Addressing Gun-violence in Pennsylvania By Hal R. Tucker

The epidemic of gun-related deaths continues to plague our country. In June of 2022, CeaseFirePA <https://www.ceasefirepa.org/> presented at our synagogue sponsored by B'nai Jacob University, and on Nov. 17th I gave an update during Friday night services. CeaseFirePA was founded in 2002, works with other anti-violence groups, and has continued to support efforts to pass life-saving laws in Pennsylvania. Two of the Bills they supported were passed by the PA House in May 2023 (Universal Background checks, and Extreme Risk Protection Orders), and in November 2023 a Safe Firearm Storage Bill passed through the House Judiciary Committee. The first two bills remain stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee, and CeaseFirePA is taking steps to pressure that committee into advancing it. If advanced, Governor Shapiro says he will sign these bills. CeaseFire PA works through meetings with state representatives, marches, petitions, letters and calls to state officials, by writing letters to the Editor, and more. These efforts are supported by volunteers, including me.

CeaseFirePA realizes the difficulty in promoting gun safety, and takes an approach that supports proven interventions, and interventions that have the support of the vast majority of the public. They speak about gun safety, not gun control, and use the language of anti-violence, not anti-gun. The majority of the public readily supports gun safety laws, and I am yet to meet someone who is pro-violence. In addition to the 3 bills noted above, they also support a bill that requires reporting lost or stolen guns. These laws are generally supported by a majority of the public, a majority of Democratic citizens, a majority of Republican citizens, and a majority of gun owning citizens. Each of these types of laws have been enacted in many other states, and all have been shown to save lives.

If you are interested in learning more, obtaining information about these bills, and supporting and advancing these bills to Governor Shapiro, there are some things you can do. Volunteering with CeaseFirePA is one way to mobilize and augment your voice. They can be contacted at: info@ceasefirepa.org or call (215) 923-3151.

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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| 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

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
July 14, 2024 10:30-10:45 AM
August 11, 2024 10:30-10:45 AM
September 15, 2024 10:30-10:45 AM
October 20, 2024 10:30-10:45 AM
November 17, 2024 10:30-10:45 AM
December 15, 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!

We are currently looking for additional “back up drivers” to cover for regular drivers when they are out.

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