

# COMMUNITY SHABBAT IS COMING!



**Friday, January 19th**  
**6:30 pm**

## **Community Shabbat:**

Please Join us for at 6:30 pm for Pot Luck Dinner  
Followed by a 7:30 pm Family-friendly Service



# Non-Profit Community Expo Weekend January 19-21, 2024

On FRIDAY January 19 Madelyn Anton kicks off the Non-Profit Community Expo Weekend during Shabbat Services. Madelyn works for Phoenixville Health Care Access (PHCA) and volunteers for Ann's Heart and Citizens Advocacy. PHCA helps the uninsured and underinsured overcome financial and cultural barriers in obtaining specialized health care. Ann's Heart aims to be a place of welcome and human services to all Phoenixville area people, and Citizens Advocacy aims to build relationships to advocate for people living with a disability. Madelyn will share information about the work she does, and she'll share ways that we can help.

On SUNDAY January 21 CBJ University and our Religious School students will learn about each organization and then sort and package up the items for delivery.

Please help CBJU fulfill the wish lists of the local organizations listed below. There is a box in the lobby for donations. Students will have dedicated organization boxes in the classrooms – see their teacher for more information.

The Organizations and the links to the wish lists;

Phoenixville Area Community Services –  
<https://www.pacsphx.org/pacs-hot-list>

Main Line Animal Rescue –  
[https://www.mlar.org/media/1670/mlar\\_wishlist.pdf](https://www.mlar.org/media/1670/mlar_wishlist.pdf)

Mitzvah Circle –  
<https://mitzvahcircle.org/donate-items/>

Ann's Heart –  
<https://www.annsheart.org/>  
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### The Organizations and their Wish Lists

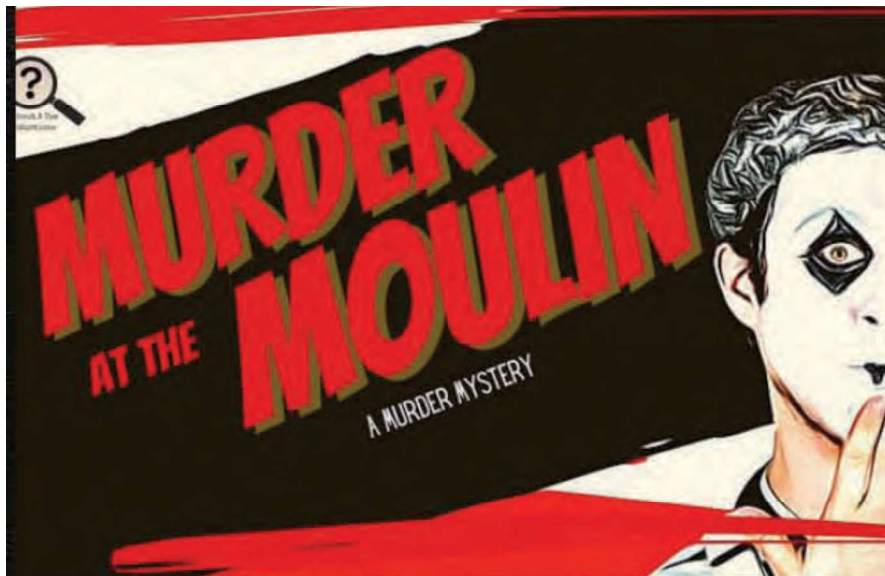
**Phoenixville Area Community Services** – Canned foods (no glass), baby products, toiletries, and cleaners

**Main Line Animal Rescue** – Dog treats, canned cat food, pet toys, cleaning supplies

**Mitzvah Circle** – Gently used clothing, books, toys, shoes. New only: socks and underwear, school supplies, period supplies, hygiene items, hats, gloves, and scarves

**Ann's Heart** – Gift cards in small denominations (\$10/\$20) to ACME, GIANT, WAWA, 7-Eleven, Redner's, Dunkin', McDonald's, etc., Men's and women's deodorant, underwear (new and in packaging), all sizes plain t-shirts (new and in packaging), all sizes plain sweatpants (new and in packaging), single serve instant mac n' cheese, granola bars, crackers, and simple snacks (gold fish, etc.)





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Congregation B'nai Jacob University Presents:

### Fred Miller's Lecture in Song

Saturday, March 2 7:30 PM

#### **A LAND THAT'S FREE** **FOR YOU AND ME:**

**Jewish Songwriters Give Universal Voice To  
The American Dream**



Pianist/Singer/Lecturer Fred Miller has created more than 70 highly entertaining and informative lectures-in-song on the "golden age of American popular music." This one highlights the work of Jewish composers from that era, including Rodgers and Hammerstein, George and Ira Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, and Irving Berlin.

Between 1880-1920, Jews arrived by the millions in America from Eastern Europe & Russia. They found a chance for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that had before only existed in their most fevered imaginations. Nowhere were the Jews in America more successful than in their songwriting for Tin Pan Alley, Vaudeville, Broadway, and Hollywood. These sons of immigrants infused their songs with the hopes and dreams of their ancestors, and in doing so created such enduring classics as Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?, Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin', I Got Rhythm, Summertime, Someone to Watch Over Me, Ol' Man River, It's Only a Paper Moon, Some Enchanted Evening, You'll Never Walk Alone, Blue Skies, What'll I Do?, Cheek to Cheek, Puttin' On the Ritz, There's No Business Like Show Business, God Bless America, and Over the Rainbow.

Fred Miller will combine his voice, keyboard skills, and encyclopedic musical knowledge to present a fascinating look at the Jewish immigrant experience and the timeless music it produced.

*"Somewhere over the rainbow,  
Way up high,  
There's a land that I heard of  
Once in a lullaby..."*

***Open to the Public***

***Tickets: Adults \$10***

***Children Under 18-Free!***

**Congregation B'nai Jacob  
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**To Purchase Tickets: call (610) 933-5550 or visit <https://www.congbj.org/>**



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## DONATIONS

### **Congregation B'nai Jacob**

Sheli James in memory of beloved father, Hal Geyer  
Brad Cooper in memory of beloved grandfather, Morris Jenkins  
The Solomon Families in memory of their beloved father, Macy B. Solomon

### **Capital Fund**

Mark and Lori Snow in memory of Dr. Norman Goodman  
Mark and Lori Snow in honor of The Schur's new grandson, Sebastian Oliver  
Diane Zavod in memory of beloved mother, Veronica Hurwitz  
Larry and Wendy Liss in memory of beloved parents, Gil and Hermine Liss  
Fred and Dee Goldberg in honor of Naomi Muhlberg & Paul Richman's baby daughter naming  
Fred and Dee Goldberg in honor of Larry Liss reading his haftarah

### **Liss Scholarship Fund**

Marv and Connie Silverman in memory of Connie's beloved father, Joseph David Tomar

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Jack and Michelle Guida for thank you to Rabbi Sultar  
Meira Itzkowitz in memory of Morton Winner  
Mitchel Robin in memory of beloved wife, Betsey Robin  
Cheryl Trobman in memory of her beloved parents, Theodore and Goldie Fair

### **Siddur**

Shirley Neumann and Family in memory of Dr. Norman Goodman  
Shirley Neumann and Family in memory of Pearl Reznik

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:burnsao@gmail.com) for details.

Use CBJ's Social Media (Facebook, CBJ website) to announce your events, special occasions etc. Contact Seth Loux - [seth@louxfamily.com](mailto:seth@louxfamily.com) and Jerry Weiss - [mjjmweiss7@gmail.com](mailto:mjjmweiss7@gmail.com) for the website and/or Lorraine Schur - [LSCHUR116@gmail.com](mailto:LSCHUR116@gmail.com) and Jerry Weiss - [mjjmweiss7@gmail.com](mailto:mjjmweiss7@gmail.com) for Facebook.

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS



### Birthday Wishes

1	Terra Gabbert	16	Regine Miller
4	Ruth Groves	20	Carlyn Bell
4	Wanda Siller	21	Mark Snow
5	Seth Loux	21	Judith Kaneff
9	Justin Liebers	22	Emanuel Bachman
11	Robyn Forbes Drucker	27	Joel Eisner
15	Helene Lebofsky	28	Dee Goldberg
15	Eric Paster	28	David Schiffman
20	Selene Gabbert	29	Charles Graham
		31	Jay Valenci



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>
2	TEVET	21	Morris Marshall
4	TEVET	23	Miriam Messing
4	TEVET	23	Janet Small
4	TEVET	23	Catherine Cassic
5	TEVET	24	William Diamond
6	TEVET	25	Dorothy Mandlowitz
4	TEVET	26	Samuel Gottlieb
7	TEVET	26	Zel Rothstein
7	TEVET	26	Marcella Cantor
8	TEVET	27	Simon Brainsky
8	TEVET	27	Rebecca Marks
8	TEVET	27	Louis Etter
8	TEVET	27	Regina Siegel
9	TEVET	28	Louis Magrill
10	TEVET	29	Katherine Shilofsky
11	SHEVAT	1	Channa Skopp
11	SHEVAT	1	David Shilofsky
12	SHEVAT	2	Samuel Bell
12	SHEVAT	2	Louis Dubis
13	SHEVAT	3	Sydney Weiss
13	SHEVAT	3	Harry Fink
13	SHEVAT	3	Bernard Cohen
14	SHEVAT	4	Manuel Ostroff
15	SHEVAT	5	Raphael Eisner
15	SHEVAT	5	Herman Sugarman
16	SHEVAT	6	Ralph N. Lazar
18	SHEVAT	8	Mary Tucker
18	SHEVAT	8	Pearl Hoenig
18	SHEVAT	8	Joan P Weiss
19	SHEVAT	9	Shmuel Sampson
19	SHEVAT	9	Evelyn Rothfeld Ediken
20	SHEVAT	10	Irving Hirsch
20	SHEVAT	10	Samuel Rofsky
20	SHEVAT	10	Isaac Levit
20	SHEVAT	10	Joshua Grossman
21	SHEVAT	11	Otto Uscher
23	SHEVAT	13	Jerome Weiswasser
23	SHEVAT	13	Jack Stone
24	SHEVAT	14	Evelyn Zatuchni
24	SHEVAT	14	Otto Katz
24	SHEVAT	14	Barbara Garber
26	SHEVAT	16	Sylvia Jaffe
28	SHEVAT	18	Erica Weiss
28	SHEVAT	18	Morris Goldberg
29	SHEVAT	19	Carola Weil
29	SHEVAT	19	Albert Schoen
29	SHEVAT	19	Jerome Eisner
31	SHEVAT	21	Alan Mirsky

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and 80<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cffactor@verizon.net)). Leaves are \$150 each.

## Board of Directors

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# January

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 20 tevet	2 21 tevet	3 22 tevet	4 23 tevet	5 24 tevet	6 25 tevet
7 26 tevet 9:15 am Ed Committee Mtg 10:00 am Rabbi Sultar's Adult Ed Class	8 27 tevet NEW YEAR'S DAY	9 28 tevet	10 29 tevet 7:00 pm - Rosh Chodesh Circle - CBJ Library	11 1 shevat	12 2 shevat 7:30 pm Service in honor of MLK Weekend	13 3 shevat 9:30 am Service
14 4 shevat 10:30 am-Tikkun Olam/Social Action/ JRA/CBJ/PACS Food Distribution Pick Up NO Religious School	15 5 shevat MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	16 6 shevat	17 7 shevat 6:30 pm Executive Committee/then 7:15 pm Minyan, followed by Board Meeting	18 8 shevat ROSH CHODESH	19 9 shevat 6:30 pm Community Shabbat - Potluck Shabbat Dinner w/ Family Friendly Service CBJ U Speaker, Madelyn Anton- Health Care Access Phx	20 10 shevat 9:30 am Service
21 11 shevat 10:30 am (Social Hall) CBJ U: Community Non-Profit Expo	22 12 shevat	23 13 shevat	24 14 shevat	25 15 shevat	26 16 shevat 7:30 pm Service Birthday/Anniv Shabbat w/ Ice Cream Sundae Oneg	27 17 shevat 9:30 am Service 7:30 pm - Rabbi's music program (off-site)
28 18 shevat 11:00 am- Religious School Tu B'shvat Seder	29 19 shevat	30 20 shevat	31 21 shevat	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 <sup>31</sup> 25 26 27 28 29 30		
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						Beshalach SHABBAT SHIRAH

## TO MAKE DONATIONS

Congregation B'nai Jacob thanks you for your very generous contributions throughout the year. In keeping with the tradition of *tzedakah*, you may make a donation to commemorate any occasion.

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.

**CBJ Security System - Fund** security enhancements and protection for the congregation

**General Operating Account** - supports the day to day operation of the Synagogue

**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)

**Louis & Sadie Liss Scholarship Fund** - provides scholarships for children for the Passport to Israel program and other enriching Jewish experiences (\$18 minimum donation)

**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

**Please send to: Congregation B'nai Jacob**  
**P.O. Box 461, Phoenixville, PA 19460**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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