

Hakol

The Voice of Congregation B'nai Jacob

Congregation B'nai Jacob of Phoenixville, PA

Tishrei—Cheshvan 5779

October 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
Saturday Morning	9:30am
Sunday Morning (When Religious School in session)	9:00am

Candle Lighting

October 1-Simchat Torah	7:25pm
October 5	6:20pm
October 12	6:09pm
October 19	5:59pm
October 26	5:45pm

George and Sharon Mahan

*Invite the Congregation to share
in their joy as their son*

Nathan Thomas

*is called to the Torah as a
Bar Mitzvah*

On Saturday, October 20th at 9:30 am

Kiddush to follow

Events

Learning for Life– Oct 14	See p. 8
Mahan Bar Mitzvah-Oct 20	
Grocery Box Program-Oct 21	See p. 5
Sisterhood Mtg– Oct 21	See p. 6
Slice of Life-Oct 28	See p. 9



CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB
PLACE COMMUNITY CONNECTION
מקום קהילה קשר

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Something Shabbat Every Friday

5 th	Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
12 th	B'nai Jacob Cemetery Association talk and oneg 7:30 PM
19 th	Nathan Mahan Bar Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM
26 th	Guest Speaker Shabbat: Madelyn and Amelia Anton on their summer mitzvah trip to Rwanda



Dear *Chaveirim*/Friends:

Judaism has historically not spent much time or energy trying to describe what happens after we die, instead preferring that we focus on our time while alive, on the lives we live and the world we build while living. Of course, though, the Rabbis of old would let their imaginations roam and sometimes they'd try to picture what *Olam Haba* (the world to come) was like. Not surprisingly, since these Rabbis loved nothing more than to study as much as possible, they pictured *Olam Haba* as a giant *beit midrash* (study hall), where they had no distractions from studying all the time.

Now, most people don't see "studying all the time" as the most desirable way to spend eternity. Yet, Judaism does hope that we will incorporate learning into our lives. As mentioned in the past, our adult education program is called "Learning for Life." I like how this title has at least two very different meanings (as most good titles must). First, it means that learning is not something relegated to our children, but rather it's something that we do throughout our lives. Second, it means that the act of study actually enhances our lives, that learning is one of the primary ways of living.

There are so many different ways to continue learning for life at CBJ. First, there's our series of adult education classes that meet once a month. This year's topic is:

"When Judaism Changed"

Each class will explore several key pivot points in Jewish history, and by extension, in Judaism itself, both as a religion and as a culture. We'll consider the entire span of Jewish history – from Biblical times up to the present. By taking a look at moments when Judaism changed, we will simultaneously be able to take in a broad sweep of Jewish history while also seeking a deeper understanding of how Jewish ideas and beliefs have responded to the challenges over the past 3,000 years, up until our own time.

Another opportunity to learn at CBJ occurs every week, as we learn together at every *Shabbat* service, both on Friday evening and on Saturday morning. This year's theme for *Shabbat* learning is:

WWMD – What Would Moses Do?

Most weeks, we'll consider what practical implications and lessons we can take from that week's *Torah* portion. We'll look at which *halachot* (Jewish laws) and *minhagim* (customs) are rooted in that week's *parasha*, with an emphasis on seeing how Judaism seeks to guide our choices and actions in our daily lives.

Most *Shabbat* mornings at 8:30 AM, Steve Corbman leads a small study group through different key Jewish texts. You're always welcome to join the group, and to contact Steve in advance to find out what the group is studying now.

We also had a study session last month for *Selichot*, before *Rosh HaShanah*, and will have another one on Saturday night, June 8, for our *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* (study session for the festival of *Shavuot*).

Please mark the following dates for "When Judaism Changed." I will teach each class, and with the one exception noted below, all classes will be on Sunday morning, beginning at 10:00 AM in the CBJ library:

October 14
November 13 (Tuesday, 7:15 PM)
December 16
January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 5.

I look forward to learning with you in this coming year!

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Jeff Sultar

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Following is a copy of my Rosh Hashanah speech:

Chag Sameach, friends. If you are comfortable doing so, I'd like to ask you to close your eyes for a moment. I want you to imagine that you live in a small village. Perhaps it is at the turn of the twentieth century, in a time before cars, before computers, before cell phones. Imagine that you live with your family, in this small, rural village – what we might call a shtetl in Yiddish. The village is where you educate your children, where you do your bartering and shopping, where you learn about and practice your Jewish heritage, and where you make your closest friends. It is your community. The village, the shtetl, is thriving – it is self-sustaining, as it is every resident's priority to keep it alive. Over time, though, the village comes upon hard times. Generations pass. The economy changes. Residents of the village have many commitments outside its borders. They have work, hobbies, and friends that take them away from the community. The older, original members of the community have become quite elderly and need the younger members of the shtetl to take over, to ensure that the community survives. "But what does it matter if it survives at all?" the young ones sometimes ask.

What does it matter if it survives at all?

You can open your eyes.

Ruthe comes to the podium: "My name is Ruthe Actor. I was the first female president of the congregation. I have also been president of Sisterhood and director of the Religious School. B'nai Jacob has been a home to me for 54 years. It is also a home to my children and grandchildren. It matters to me that this congregation be here for my great-grandchildren as well. This is our community. This is our shtetl."

My friends, we are a shtetl. We are a community, a village, a congregation of people who, at the turn of the twentieth century, was very insular – this place was the center of its members' lives. The community's children at that time spent all of their social time *here*. The adults' lives were

centered here as well; those adults weren't welcome as Jews in many other civic and social organizations. This community was it. It was the heart and soul of their lives.

But now, things are different. We are pulled in a million directions. We have several communities of which we are a part. Our time is needed at the PTA, the sports league, the homeowners association. Our dollars are needed everywhere. The economy has changed, our lives have changed, and this is how the shtetl gets left behind.

My goal in this morning's talk is to make you aware of the following things: that we are facing a financial crisis and why, to reassure you that the Board is working on long-term solutions to ensure that our community survives, to let you know why it matters that we *do* survive and what *you* can do to help that happen.

Sandy comes to the podium: "My name is Sandy Katz. I was the first female to be permitted to become bat mitzvah at Shabbat morning services at CBJ—it was 1972. Although I wasn't permitted to read from the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah or even to say the blessings when I read the haftorah, I am proud to have been the first and even prouder each time I see a young lady do the things I was not permitted to do. I have seen this community change with the times and have been honored to be a part of that change. This sanctuary has been a community, a home, to my parents, my brother and I, and to my children. It is a community that matters."

When Sandy became a Bat Mitzvah at CBJ, she lived within walking distance of the synagogue. So did Carol Actor, and Fred and Larry Liss, and the Solomon boys and the Weinstock kids, and Mike Trachtenberg among others. Every Saturday morning, as each family walked pass another's house, that next family joined the caravan on the way to Shabbat services. Of course, they didn't have much to catch up on... many had been together at Shabbos dinner the night before. That was what this community was like then. Now, things are different. Our younger,

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newer members are scattered all along the 422 corridor. They come when they can but they are pulled in many directions. And this shift in our membership demographics and in our economy has changed what we are able to bring in annually at CBJ. The income challenge is also a result of lower membership. We currently have 120 households in our congregation. While this number has been fairly steady for many years, back in the day, B'nai Jacob had as many as 160 households. I assure you – this is not a problem that we face alone. This is a problem faced by synagogues and churches all across the country. Research shows that fewer households in each passing generation affiliate with houses of worship or with organized religion. It is not a challenge unique to CBJ. But it is one that CBJ has to face and rise to.

Let me speak very specifically. This year's budget calls for \$260,000 in expenses. That means that we need to bring in \$260,000 to stay afloat between July 1st that just passed and this coming June 30. This is a bare bones budget. That is the minimum amount needed to simply keep our lights on, run our heating and air conditioning, pay our Rabbi, Valerie, and a few very part-time teachers. Trust me when I tell you that we cannot budget for less than this without making serious cuts to what we offer. The amount we can predict will come in this year to cover those expenses *if* everyone pays the dues amount they've committed to, *if* everyone gives at least what they did to the High Holiday appeal last year, *if* everyone pays their Religious School tuition still leaves us \$23,000 short. How were we able to pass a budget that's \$23,000 in the red you ask? Because at the Annual meeting in June, we explained that this shortfall could be remedied if we had five major fundraisers over the course of the year and that we needed volunteers to run them. This is not so unusual – part of each year's budget includes fundraising. The difference is that the gap has widened – that the amount we have to raise through fundraising events has grown. The good news is, we had

enough people volunteer to run two such events. The bad news is, that's not enough to make ends meet.

So what are we to do about this two-fold crisis? Two-fold in that we need to figure out how to pay our bills through the end of *this* year and that we need a longer-term solution so that we don't find ourselves in this predicament year after year anymore. And here is where I can assure you that the Board is working diligently on this problem. There are several things that could happen to increase our income significantly in the longer term and we are vigorously pursuing these. I need you to put your trust in me when I tell you that the people you've elected to govern CBJ are working on the kind of long-term solutions that will sustain us and enable us to thrive in the future.

But what can *you* do to help us this year and to get us through this crisis until those longer-term solutions can be put into effect? And why should you care? As the young people of the shtetl asked, "What does it matter if the shtetl survives at all?"

Madelyn comes to the podium: "My name is Madelyn Anton. CBJ is a community to me because it is where I became a Bat Mitzvah, it is where I help young Jewish kids learn to participate in services, and it is where I do Tikkun Olam – repair of the world. Every month I help deliver kosher food to needy families with my CBJ family. Being a part of Social Action at CBJ and feeding the hungry allows me to put my Jewish values into practice."

It matters that this community not only survive but continue to thrive. It matters because this is where we instill the values and stories of our parents and grandparents into our young people. It matters because Jews have always survived. It is in our blood to do so.

And this is where you come in. In a day or so, you will be receiving in the mail a letter from our Treasurer, Michael Salsburg asking you to participate in our annual High Holiday appeal.

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This is no ordinary High Holiday appeal. This is an opportunity to help our community, our shtetl, survive this year so that we can make the changes necessary for our ongoing survival. Your letter will show you the amount you gave for last year's appeal. We are asking that, this year, if you are able, you increase that amount by at least 10%. If everyone pays their bills and fulfills their pledges at this level, then we will be able to cover the shortfall for this coming year.

Jolyon comes to the podium: "My name is Jolyon Borla. CBJ is my community because it is where I learn about my Jewish heritage. Last spring, I had my consecration here on the bimah because I am now considered a Hebrew reader. It was the best celebration and a great night!"

Joly and Madelyn's generation deserves to have the kind of community available to them that was available to Ruthe and to Sandy. We owe it to our young people to provide them with a place rooted in over thirty-five hundred years of tradition, a place where they can learn to honor what is holy in themselves, in one another, and in that which is bigger than all of us. For our children and for one another, we need to ensure this community's survival.

In addition to giving as generously as you are able this year, I'd like to encourage each household in the room today to help in another important way. If each household could bring in just one other household to our congregation this year, our problems would be solved. I know that each of you knows a Jewish person or family who might benefit from being a part of our community. I urge you to talk with that person or family, invite them to a Community Shabbat or other CBJ function and come with them. CBJ is place you can be proud of as you enthusiastically reach out to others. Imagine what a difference could be made if we each took on this challenge.

Each of you is a vital part of our shtetl, and it takes a shtetl to sustain a community.

Shanah tovah umetukah – a good and sweet year to you all. **Jodi**

B'NAI JACOB/JRA GROCERY BOX DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Once a month, members of Congregation B'nai Jacob and of the Phoenixville Community gather to pack grocery boxes for 30 needy households in the Greater Phoenixville area. We have plans to expand this program to serve 36 households in the coming year. JRA provides the non-perishables and a small stipend so we can purchase fresh produce for each grocery box. We provide the volunteers to drive and to pack. If you are interested in learning more and/or in helping out, contact Ruth Yeiser at ryeiser@alumni.upenn.edu.

2018-2019 Packing Dates:

Unless otherwise noted, Assembly Lines will be assembled at noon followed by Packing and Delivery at 1:00

October 21, 2018

November 18, 2018

December 16, 2018

January 27, 2019: Times to be Determined

February 24, 2019

March 24, 2019

April 7, 2019—Mitzvah Day—Packing During Religious School Hours

May ??—Date TBA

June 2, 2019 Assembly Line Assembly @ 9:30 followed by packing at 10:00

July 21, 2019 Assembly Line Assembly @ 9:30 followed by packing at 10:00

August 11, 2019 Assembly Line Assembly @ 9:30 followed by packing at 10:00

September 22, 2019



Bling & Mimosas! *Sisterhood's Opening meeting on October 21st at 9:30 am features the talents of our jewelry makers Lisa Fegan and Deb Marotta. They'll guide you through crafting your own pair of beaded wire earrings. RSVP to*

Linda Loux.

Linda@LouxFamily.com



Hanukkah Cookie Sale: *Back by popular demand, it's Sisterhood's famous Thanksgiving and Hanukkah Cookie Sale. We'll be baking sugar, double chocolate, and triple ginger cookies this year. Orders are due by Sunday November 4th. See the order form on page 7 in this issue of the Hakol and in the weekly announcements. Also check the weekly announcements for baking dates as help is always needed, especially cookie testers!*



Re-Gifting Bingo: *November 14th at 6:30 pm.*

Plan to come have some sisterly fun and sharpen your Bingo skills. We provide the food, you provide the perfect gifts that someone else would like. More details soon.



Gift wrapping at the King of Prussia Mall: Do you like to wrap and socialize? Sisterhood has the opportunity for you!

You can help us wrap presents during the holiday season with other local Jewish organizations at the King of Prussia Mall. Live vicariously through other's purchases! Fun and raise money for charity (including Sisterhood) as well. Contact Rebecca this month if interested. raboylan@comcast.net or 610-327-8217



Sisterhood Gift Shop & Crafter's Hanukkah Sale: *December 2nd & 9th, 9 am-noon.*

Sisterhood and its talented crafters will be setting up throughout the synagogue with perfect presents for all of your friends and family. Toys, Judaica, candles, jewelry, soap, honey, personal care products, and more will be available from our Gift Shop and the women of B'nai Jacob. Contact Rebecca Boylan if you would like a table. More info in the October Hakol.



Winter Pampering Session: *January 6, 2019 at 10 am in the library (snow date February 3rd). This hit session returns for another round of scrubs, bath bombs, facial masks, and high tea.*

Purim Update: Sisterhood will not be making Purim bags this year due to the lack of participation. However, we could make marvelous hamantashen if we find a Coordinator and bakers to give us a hand. Please contact Rebecca if you're interested in assuming this role or baking. Fun times in the kitchen? raboylan@comcast.net or 610-327-8217



The Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon will be held on April 7th, 2019. Contact Marilyn Tassencourt is you'd like to help with this committee. 39across@gmail.com 610-647-9330



Sisterhood Shabbat: *Friday evening May 17, 2019. Sisterhood welcomes all women and post-bat mitzvah ladies to the bimah for this annual tradition. We need a co-chair for this event with Lori Snow, so please contact Lori if you can help. lvsnow@comcast.net*



Sisterhood Wine Closet is here for all of your holiday needs! – The famous Sisterhood wine closet is back in business. Pick up your holiday wine plus add extra to bring as hostess gifts! 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.

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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Tentative Sisterhood 2018-2019 Calendar

October 21, 2018: Sisterhood Opening Meeting –
Bling & Mimosas

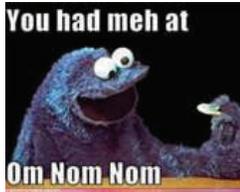
November 14, 2018: Re-gifting Bingo

December 2, 9, 2018: Sisterhood Gift Shop &
Crafter's Sale

January 6, 2019: Pampering Session

April 7, 2019: Torah Fund Luncheon

May 17, 2019: Sisterhood Shabbat



Sisterhood Hanukkah Cookie Sale

Leave your holiday baking to Sisterhood!

Enjoy kosher dairy traditional and gourmet cookies with premium ingredients baked in the synagogue kitchen.

Order some for yourself, friends, and family. Mix and match, but order early!

Orders due by: Sunday, November 4th

Circle your Pick up Date: Sunday, November 18th for Thanksgiving!
Sunday, December 2nd and 9th for Hanukkah!

Sunday, December 2nd and 9th for Hanukkah!

ALL COOKIES ARE \$12 PER POUND AND CAN BE ORDERED IN ½ POUND INCREMENTS

Cookie	#pounds	Total@ \$12 per lb
Sugar: Decorated Hanukkah Cookies		
Double Chocolate: Rich Gourmet Chocolate		
Soft Ginger Cookies: Triple Ginger goodness		
	Grand Total	

****Make checks payable to: Sisterhood B'nai Jacob and mail to:**

Sisterhood B'nai Jacob, Starr & Manavon Streets, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Thank you!!!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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All classes will be taught by Rabbi Jeff Sultar,

and will meet in the CBJ Library at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings
(with one exception noted below):

October 14
November 13 (Tuesday, 7:15 PM)
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May 5

Everyone is welcome.

While successive classes will build on what we've learned before, each class will also be free-standing and not assume that you've been to a prior class.

A SLICE OF JEWISH LIFE (FOR TEENS ONLY!)

**JOIN US FOR OUR TEEN PROGRAM
(grades 8-12)**

**JOIN RABBI SULTAR FOR PIZZA AND THE
OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ANY JEWISH QUESTIONS
YOU WANT!**

Sunday, October 28th at 12:00 in the library



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

IN OUR COMMUNITY

FROM THE RABBI

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

SCHOLARSHIP

Donations to the Louis and Sadie Liss Scholarship Fund are always welcome. The Fund provides Scholarships for children of our members for enriching Jewish experiences, such as Jewish camps, USY Program, USY Israel Pilgrimage, and Maccabi Games.

Please help by making donations in honor of or in memory of love ones. They may be made in any amount over \$18.00. Special individualized cards will be sent for any occasion.

Just call the CBJ office at 610-933-5550.

Have you ever wanted to experience a relaxing family Shabbat dinner but didn't know where to start?



The Shabbat Table is a program to connect families with one another to share practices and explore meaning around the dinner table Friday night. Sign up to either host or be a guest and we will match you up and facilitate the magic! Shabbats will be scheduled at dates and times mutually convenient.

No prior experience necessary!

Find out more about what makes Shabbat observance special—develop new family rituals and new friendships all at the same time—not to mention tasting some good food!

Contact Carol Actor (cffactor@verizon.net), Amy Borla (amsborla@gmail.com) or the synagogue office for details.

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Ongoing: Daily Minyan Mon-Thurs 7:00 PM and Sundays 9:00 AM when Religious School is in Session; Friday Night Shabbat Services 7:30 PM (Community Shabbats begin at 6:30; please see Something Shabbat Every Friday listing for specific programming); Saturday morning Shabbat Services 9:30 AM

October 2018

Mon	1	Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor 9:30 AM; Erev Simchat Torah 6:30 PM Service/Celebration
Tue	2	Simchat Torah 9:30 AM Service
Wed	3	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri	5	Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
Fri	12	B'nai Jacob Cemetery Association talk and oneg 7:30 PM
Sun	14	Adult Education: When Judaism Changed 10:00 AM
Fri	19	Nathan Mahan Bar Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM
Sat	20	Nathan Mahan Bar Mitzvah 9:30 AM
Sun	21	Sisterhood Opening Meeting: Bling and Mimosas, Tikkun Olam/Social Action JRA Food Distribution 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted
Fri	26	Guest Speaker Shabbat: Madelyn and Amelia Anton on their summer mitzvah trip to Rwanda
Sun	28	Slice of Jewish Life Teen lunch with Rabbi 12:00 PM

November 2018

Fri	2	Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
Wed	7	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri	9	<i>Community Interfaith Shabbat:</i> Family-friendly service followed by dinner 6:30 PM (Congregation Hesed Shel Emet Pottstown joining us)
Sat	10	Karen Motzer Bat Mitzvah Anniversary Shabbat and kiddush
Tue	13	Adult Education: When Judaism Changed 7:15 PM
Wed	14	Sisterhood Re-gifting Bingo
Fri	16	Chocolate Shabbat
Sun	18	Tikkun Olam/Social Action JRA Food Distribution 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted
Wed	21	Phoenixville Area Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Wed	28	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri	30	Taryn Bailey Bar Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM

December 2018

Sat	1	Taryn Bailey Bar Mitzvah 9:30 AM
Sun	2	Blood Drive 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Sisterhood Chanukah Gift Shop and Crafter's Sale
Fri	7	Chanukah Shabbat with Jelly Donut Oneg 7:30 PM
Sun	9	Sisterhood Chanukah Gift Shop and Crafter's Sale, Parent/Child Class 9:30 AM, Religious School Chanukah program, Slice of Jewish Life Teen lunch with Rabbi 12:00 PM
Wed	12	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri	14	<i>Community Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat</i> with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 6:30 PM (note earlier start time – students will be leading family-friendly service, no dinner.)
Sun	16	Adult Education: When Judaism Changed 10:00 AM, Tikkun Olam/Social Action JRA Food Distribution 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted

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January 2019

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| Fri | 4 | <i>Community Happy New Year Pizza Shabbat</i> – Pizza in Social Hall followed by services 6:30 PM |
| Sun | 6 | Sisterhood Pampering Meeting |
| Wed | 9 | Board Meeting 7:00 PM |
| Fri | 11 | Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM |
| Sun | 13 | Adult Education: When Judaism Changed 10:00 AM |
| Fri | 18 | Mitzvah Shabbat in honor of MLK weekend 7:30 PM |
| Wed | 23 | Board meeting 7:00 PM |
| Fri | 25 | Service and Tu B'Shevat dinner at Congregation Hesed Shel Emet in Pottstown 6:15 PM |
| Sun | 27 | Tikkun Olam/Social Action JRA Food Distribution 12:00 PM, Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser, 2:00 PM |

February 2019

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| Fri | 1 | Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM |
| Wed | 6 | Board Meeting 7:00 PM |
| Fri | 8 | Guest Speaker Shabbat TBA 7:30 PM |
| Sun | 10 | Adult Education: When Judaism Changed 10:00 AM, Slice of Jewish Life Teen lunch with Rabbi 12:00 PM |
| Fri | 15 | Short Story Shabbat 7:30 PM |
| Fri | 22 | <i>Community Shabbat: Pot Luck Shabbat dinner and family-friendly service</i> 6:30 PM |
| Sun | 24 | Tikkun Olam/Social Action JRA Food Distribution 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted |

March 2019

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| Fri | 1 | Shabbat Across America! |
| Sat | 2 | Sandy Stone Bar Mitzvah Anniversary and 70 th Birthday Shabbat and luncheon 9:30 AM |
| Sun | 3 | <u>Fundraiser at Facetime Theater: <i>Barnum</i></u> 2:00 PM (alternate date 3/10, stay tuned!) |
| Wed | 6 | Board Meeting 7:00 PM |
| Fri | 8 | <i>Community Shabbat: Pot Luck Shabbat dinner and family-friendly service</i> at the Rosenfeld home. 6:30 PM |
| Sun | 10 | Adult Education: When Judaism Changed 10:00 AM |
| Fri | 15 | Honoring Adar II – Stand Up Comedy Shabbat (bring your favorite joke) 7:30 PM |
| Sun | 17 | Parent/Child Class 9:00 AM, Purim Carnival 11:00 AM |
| Wed | 20 | Erev Purim, Megillah Reading 7:00 PM |
| Fri | 22 | Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM |
| Sun | 24 | Tikkun Olam/Social Action JRA Food Distribution 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted |
| Fri | 29 | Guest Speaker TBA 7:30 PM |

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April 2019

Wed	3	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri	5	Birthday/Anniv Shabbat (and Rosh Hodesh Nisan!) with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
Sun	7	Community Mitzvah Day sponsored by Religious School, Tikkun Olam/Social Action JRA Food Distribution 12:00 PM, Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon
Wed	10	Board meeting PM
Fri	12	<i>Community Shabbat</i> : Family-friendly service followed by dinner 6:30 PM (Congregation Hessed Shel Emet Pottstown joining us)
Sun	14	Adult Education: When Judaism Changed 10:00 AM, Slice of Jewish Life Teen lunch with Rabbi 12:00 PM
Fri	19	First night of Pesach – no service. Enjoy your Seder!
Sat	20	Shabbat and Pesach Day 1 service 9:30 AM
Sun	21	Pesach Day 2 service 9:30 AM
Mon	22	Pesach Chol Hamo'ed Day 3
Tue	23	Pesach Chol Hamo'ed Day 4
Wed	24	Pesach Chol Hamo'ed Day 5
Thur	25	Pesach Chol Hamo'ed Day 6
Fri	26	Pesach Day 7 service 9:30 AM
Sat	27	Shabbat/Passover – 8 th Day service 9:30 AM – Yizkor 9:30 AM

May 2019

Fri	3	Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
Sun	5	Parent/Child Class 9:00 AM, Adult Education: When Judaism Changed 10:00 AM
Wed	8	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri	10	<i>Consecration/Community Shabbat</i> : Pot Luck dinner and family-friendly service 6:30 PM
Sun	12	Tikkun Olam/Social Action JRA Food Distribution 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted
Fri	17	Sisterhood Shabbat 7:30 PM
Fri	31	Guest Speaker TBA 7:30 PM

June 2019

Sun	2	Tikkun Olam/Social Action JRA Food Distribution 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted
Wed	5	Annual Congregational Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri	7	Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg 7:30 PM
Sat	8	Erev Shavuot - Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study Session and Service
Sun	9	Shavuot – 1 st Day service 9:30 AM
Mon	10	Shavuot – 2 nd Day service 9:30 AM – Yizkor
Fri	14	Jonathan Evans Bar Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM
Sat	15	Jonathan Evans Bar Mitzvah 9:30 AM
Sat	29	Shabbat service and luncheon at Congregation Hessed Shel Emet in Pottstown 9:15 AM

B'nai Jacob Cemetery

Lisa and Harry Leff in honor of Zach Liss's wedding

Capital Fund

Mony and Freda Harbon in memory of Le Illouy Nishmat Rahel bat Allegrah Simhon

Congregation B'nai Jacob

Barry Sankey in memory of Dan Baer
Inge Bass in memory of friend, Kate Katz
Dean and Judy Solomon in memory of Kate Katz
Hal Tucker in memory of Karen Pozefsky

Tikkun Olam/Social Action

Ken Kulick in memory of Sydney Kulick



B'NAI JACOB CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

During the last few months, the **BJCA** has been hard at work.

In August, on a hot and humid day, the **BJCA** took part in a Cemetery Clean-Up Day. We trimmed, clipped, pruned, weeded, cleaned, raked, and schvitzed. At our Quarterly Meeting in August, approval was given to replace the main walk-way at the cemetery.

In September, led by Rabbi Sultar, the B'nai Jacob Annual Cemetery Service was held on September 16th.

In October, please join us for Shabbat Services on **Friday, October 12th**, when the BJCA will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Also happening in October, our major project for 2018 is scheduled to be completed.

We will be replacing and expanding the main walk-way of the cemetery.



Cemetery Clean Up Volunteers: Steve Skopp, Jerry Weiss, Fred Goldberg, and Connie Cohen (not pictured)

THE TREE OF LIFE

In Founder's Hall is a "Simcha Tree", celebrating all kinds of joyous occasions in the life of our B'nai Jacob family. The leaves are brass plaques and are available to acknowledge the contributions of donors to recognize all the happy occasions. They may be inscribed to commemorate the birth of a child or a grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, engagement or marriage, a special birthday or anniversary, or to honor parents, family or friends.

By obtaining a Leaf on the Tree of Life, you will not only honor and commemorate a significant person or event in your life, you will also help support the programs of Congregation B'nai Jacob.

To order your Leaf, call Ruthe Actor at 610-745-2791.

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Birthday Wishes

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| 1 | Mamie Troy | 15 | Jonathan Rosenfeld |
| 5 | Joan Rofsky | 15 | Mason Loux |
| 5 | Dana Steinberg | 16 | Harold Katz |
| 8 | Brittany Schultz | 16 | Kenneth Kulick |
| 9 | Lisa Anton | 16 | Donna Friedman |
| 10 | Lily Groves | 17 | Jerry Weiss |
| 10 | Scott MacKenzie | 19 | Aaron Yeiser |
| 11 | Anna Stone | 19 | Genny Stone |
| 13 | Gilbert Liss | 20 | Judy Eisner |
| 14 | Matthew Motzer | 29 | Anne Schiffman |



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| 3 | Lorraine & Stephen Schur |
| 6 | Edwina & Jay Valenci |
| 20 | Arlene & Norman Goodman |
| 30 | Karen & Bob Bruno |

OCTOBER YAHRZEIT

<u>October</u>	<u>Hebrew Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Honoree</u>
1	TISHRI	22	Max Raubfogel
1	TISHRI	22	Jules I Whitman
2	TISHRI	23	Rachel Hannah Siegel
2	TISHRI	23	Clara Katz
4	TISHRI	25	Louis Woolf
4	TISHRI	25	Joseph Lovinger
4	TISHRI	25	Robert Garber
4	TISHRI	25	Ephraim Troy
6	TISHRI	27	Monica Weinstein
6	TISHRI	27	Samuel Blank
7	TISHRI	28	Mary Farkas
7	TISHRI	28	Robert Farrer
9	TISHRI	30	Jean Ethal Perry
10	HESHVAN	1	Ida Sugarman
11	HESHVAN	2	David Goldman
11	HESHVAN	2	Elliott Real
13	HESHVAN	4	Louis Foreman
14	HESHVAN	5	Helen Hamman
14	HESHVAN	5	Norman Trachtenberg
15	HESHVAN	6	Isidor Mishkin
15	HESHVAN	6	Paul Actor
16	HESHVAN	7	Anna Weisberg
17	HESHVAN	8	Samuel Kornblum
17	HESHVAN	8	Albert Actor
18	HESHVAN	9	Esther Sealfon
19	HESHVAN	10	Gladys Etter
19	HESHVAN	10	Esther Blank
20	HESHVAN	11	David Salsburg
21	HESHVAN	12	Stanton Cooper
22	HESHVAN	13	Mary Dalton Pochapsky
22	HESHVAN	13	Anna Weiss
22	HESHVAN	13	Daniel Salsberg
23	HESHVAN	14	Louis Bernard Eisenberg
24	HESHVAN	15	Benjamin Margolis
24	HESHVAN	15	Suzanne Pauline Weller
25	HESHVAN	16	Miriam Kornblum
25	HESHVAN	16	Benjamin Kulick
26	HESHVAN	17	Barbara Garber
27	HESHVAN	18	Rose Wexler
27	HESHVAN	18	Carl Pauerstein
27	HESHVAN	18	Lillian Liss
29	HESHVAN	20	Celia Arker
29	HESHVAN	20	Dora Kreckovitz
29	HESHVAN	20	Meyer Shusterman
29	HESHVAN	20	Albert Arker
30	HESHVAN	21	Jacob Cinamon
30	HESHVAN	21	Joseph Kohn
30	HESHVAN	21	Scott Etter
30	HESHVAN	21	Bernard A. Bernard
31	HESHVAN	22	Robert Sultar



MEMORIAL PLAQUES

It is a sacred Jewish tradition to remember the departed. At Congregation B'nai Jacob, we have made this tradition a part of our continuous worship and observance by creating a lasting memorial tribute in our sanctuary to our loved ones.

These plaques will be viewed by future generations with love and remembrance. You can honor your loved ones by eternalizing their memory with a bronze plaque in our sanctuary.

Every year, in perpetuity, on the anniversary of their Yahrzeit, and at every Yizkor service, their memory will be rekindled as the plaque is illuminated.

You may order a plaque by contacting Sandy Stone or Valerie in the office.

CBJ CHEVRA KADISHA

Volunteers Needed

In Jewish tradition, the *mitzvah* of burial is considered to be the ultimate kindness, for it is one that can never be repaid. The CBJ Chevra Kadisha Committee volunteers serve the needs of the Jewish deceased, with dignity and compassion, and help the bereaved families in our community.

The CBJ Chevra Kadisha Committee is **seeking volunteers** who are willing to be called on when needed. Immediately after a death occurs, the bereaved family members and the larger congregation are at their most vulnerable, and the committee needs to react quickly to provide the assistance needed.

Our Tradition

Our tradition understands a person is composed of both, body (*guf*) and soul (*neshama*). **Shmira**, meaning "watching" or "guarding", refers to the Jewish religious ritual of watching over the body of a deceased person from the time of death until burial. *Shomrim* (שומרים) are the people who perform *shmira*.

In our community, when you volunteer to be a *shomer* you may sit with the deceased during a period of time, or travel with the deceased to or from the funeral home, or to the service or cemetery. *Shmira* generally takes place in a room in the funeral home. The main requirements are showing proper respect for the body of the deceased and being present.

How You Can Help

When a death occurs, people immediately offer these familiar words of condolence, "is there anything I can do to help?" **Yes, there is something you can do.** Please volunteer to help our community perform this ritual. Contact the CBJ Office and have your name added to our list of *Shomrim*, and **say "yes"** when you receive a call.

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1 22 tishri
Shmini Atzeret Service
w/ Yizkor 9:30 am
Erev Simchat Torah
Service 6:30 pm
YIZKOR
SHEMINI ATZERET

2 23 tishri
Simchat Torah Service
9:30 am
SIMCHAT TORAH

3 24 tishri
Valerie Vacation
Minyan 7:00 pm
Board Meeting following
Minyan

4 25 tishri
Valerie Vacation
Minyan 7:00 pm

5 26 tishri
Valerie Vacation
Birthday/Anniv Shabbat w/
Ice Cream Sundae Oneg
Services 7:30 pm

6 27 tishri
Services 9:30 am
Bereshit

7 28 tishri
No Religious School

8 29 tishri
Valerie Vacation
Minyan 7:00 pm
CANADIAN
THANKSGIVING
COLUMBUS DAY

9 30 tishri
Valerie Vacation
Minyan 7:00 pm
ROSH CHODESH

10 1 cheshvan
Valerie Vacation
Minyan 7:00 pm
ROSH CHODESH

11 2 cheshvan
Valerie Vacation
Minyan 7:00 pm

12 3 cheshvan
Valerie Vacation
Bhai Jacob Cemetery
Assoc. Talk & Oneg
Services 7:30 pm

13 4 cheshvan
Services 9:30 am
Noach

14 5 cheshvan
Religious School
Grades K-2: 9am-12pm
Grades 3-7: 9am - 1pm
Adult Class 10am

15 6 cheshvan
Valerie Vacation
Minyan 7:00 pm

16 7 cheshvan
Minyan 7:00 pm
ROSH CHODESH

17 8 cheshvan
Minyan 7:00 pm
ROSH CHODESH

18 9 cheshvan
Minyan 7:00 pm

19 10 cheshvan
Nathan Mahan Bar
Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat
Services 7:30 pm

20 11 cheshvan
Nathan Mahan Bar
Mitzvah Services 9:30 am
Lech Lecha

21 12 cheshvan
Religious School
Sisterhood Opening Mtg
CBJ-JRA Food Dist - 1:00
pm

22 13 cheshvan
Minyan 7:00 pm

23 14 cheshvan
Minyan 7:00 pm

24 15 cheshvan
Minyan 7:00 pm

25 16 cheshvan
Minyan 7:00 pm

26 17 cheshvan
Guest Speaker Shabbat:
Madelyn & Amelia Anton
on their Rwanda Trip
Services 7:30 pm

27 18 cheshvan
Services 9:30 am
Vayera

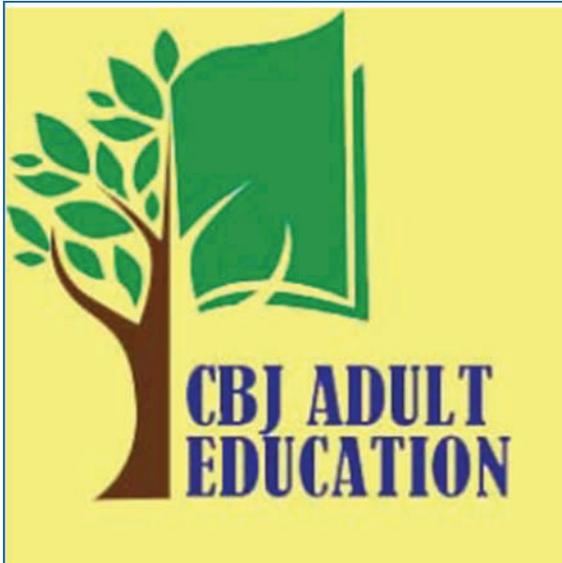
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NOVEMBER
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For More Information:
rabbi@congbj.org

CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY

Jewish tradition teaches that one of our key responsibilities is to make the world a better place for our children and grandchildren. A Jacob's Ladder legacy gift is a simple and meaningful way to help ensure a strong Jewish future for our CBJ family and community.

To discuss YOUR legacy Non-Binding letter of intent, please contact Stephen Schur at sschur1@gmail.com or Mamie Troy at Mamie.Troy@gmail.com

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Pre-School – The purpose of this designated fund is to support research, analysis and development of a Congregation B'nai Jacob Pre-School.

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")

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