

Hakol

The Voice of Congregation B'nai Jacob

Congregation B'nai Jacob of Phoenixville, PA

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February 2024

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

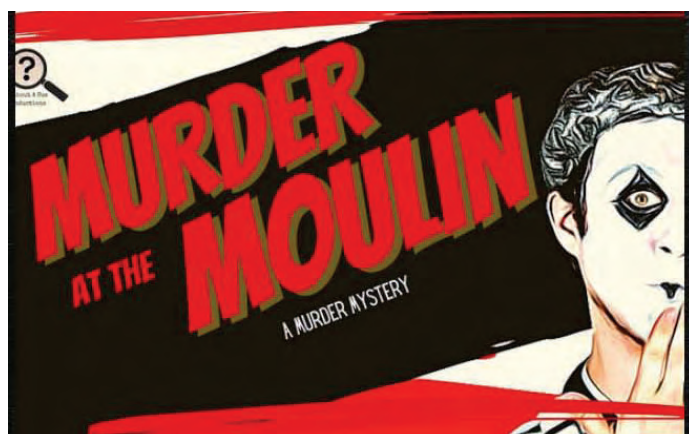
Friday Night-
(unless otherwise indicated) 7:30pm
Saturday Morning 9:30am

Candle Lighting

February 2 5:04pm
February 9 5:12pm
February 16 5:21pm
February 23 5:29pm

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Something Shabbat Every Friday

- 2nd A Friday Night at the Altneushul in Prague —7:30pm
- 9th Community Shabbat– Potluck Shabbat Dinner with Family Friendly Service- 6:30pm
- 16th Presidents Day Weekend– Regular Service 7:30pm
- 23rd Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat with Ice Cream Sundae Oneg– 7:30pm



Dear *Chaveirim*/Friends:

In a restaurant recently, the man eating alone at the table next to us leaned over and began talking about the upcoming presidential election, how he wasn't excited about Biden, and what did we think of Trump? I had no interest in getting into a political discussion while my food was getting cold, so it wasn't the right time to repeat to him my entire sermon from the first day of *Rosh HaShanah*. So I cut right to the chase:

The upcoming election has nothing to do with differences of opinion about any particular political issue. It has nothing to do with whether someone is a Democrat or Republican. The only issue at stake, the only thing that matters, is whether the United States will remain a democracy.

I told him that I've voted in elections in 5 different decades, and throughout that time, my candidate or issue has lost about 50% of the time. That's just the way it works. In a democracy, when you lose, you lick your wounds for a little while, then you get busy working and organizing to try for a different result the next time around.

For the first time in my life, though, I'm not worried about losing an election, but rather I'm afraid that we could lose our entire democratic system. Within the container of democracy, having different opinions is the American way. But what happens if the container itself, that which holds all those differences together, becomes broken?

This concern is not the product of esoteric Talmudic reasoning. It comes simply from seeing the actions and listening to the actual words being said.

In an alternative universe, the insurrection at the Capitol three years ago on January 6 would have presented a turning point. People who otherwise disagree about just about everything in terms of political positions would have stood together and made it clear that despite all of their differences,

the preservation of democracy itself over-rides every other consideration. There would have been near-universal outrage about any attempt to attack democracy itself. Any public figure who supported the insurrection would have been voted out of office, if not turned out sooner for treason.

But that's not the universe we live in. As I asked on *Rosh HaShanah*, where is the universal outrage? How is it even possible that the insurrection on January 6 three years ago might turn out not to be the *end* of the anti-democratic efforts in the United States, but rather just the *beginning* of a successful effort, one that bears fruit in next November's election?

As I mentioned at *Rosh HaShanah* (though not to the man sitting at the table next to me at the restaurant), while this issue is critical for everyone who wants to continue living in a democracy, it's of an added level of concern for the Jewish community. In short, a decline in democracy has *never* throughout history been good for the Jews.

Synagogues, and rabbis in their official capacity, cannot endorse or oppose political candidates. But we can support issues, and discuss how those issues are informed by the teachings and history of our tradition. And so I pose the following question: which candidates in the upcoming primaries and November elections will strengthen democracy, and which ones will weaken it? It is a Jewish concern, always, to choose democracy.

Which brings me to the actual, quite practical, reason that prompted why I'm even talking about this concern at this time. The primary election in Pennsylvania this year just happens to fall on the first day of Passover. (And please note, this is in no way an act of antisemitism, but just a rather unfortunate oversight – partly the result of the fact that many Jews don't realize that it's a full *chag*/festival day – and it's simply too late to do anything about it now).

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For many Jews, this presents a problem, even if not religiously, but at least just practically, if you're planning on being out of town for a *seder* or two. So I want to give you this heads-up with plenty of time to do something about it. It's simple: request a mail-in ballot. Just go to <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov>. Then, under "Voter Services," click on "Mail-In Ballot Application." To make it easier, we'll soon include the link in the weekly email newsletter that goes out every Thursday (and if you don't receive that email, contact Valerie in the office to get onto that distribution list – because you're missing out on information about a *lot* of things going on at CBJ).

Voting alone is not enough to preserve democracy. But it is the least that any eligible voter can do to participate in and to preserve our democratic institutions.

**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

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.

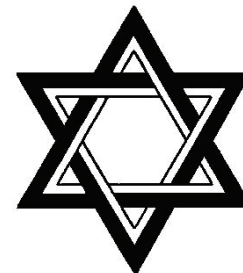
While you can always leave this to chance by just dropping by CBJ, it's best to call or e-mail to set a time for us to meet. While it's wonderful when people just stop by, sometimes people are frustrated that I'm not available when they do so. The problem is that much of the time I'm at CBJ is already 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





Come to CBJ...and Bring A Friend!

Judaism is a communal religion. We celebrate together, we mourn together, we worship together, we learn together, and we play together. The sages

taught, for example, that you can't study Torah on your own. We need 10 Jewish adults - a minyan - in order to have a full prayer service. Likewise, while we may observe Shabbat, Chanukah, and Passover at home, it's a lot more fulfilling to come together on Friday nights in the sanctuary, to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries or to make latkes, or at the monthly Community Shabbat.

When we love something, we want to share it – so why not be inspired to bring our Jewish friends into the *kehilla kedosha* (holy community), embracing them within a wonderful, sacred congregation? We are not pushing membership on them, but rather inviting them into a loving community where they will be welcomed. Likewise, if they already are affiliated with a synagogue, that's fine, too. This isn't a zero-sum game; it's an opportunity to build connections between communities. Our doors are wide enough for everyone who wishes to enter.

Here are five specific ways you can include your friends – from work, your exercise class, the dog park, or wherever you meet them – in synagogue activities:

1-Shabbat worship: Invite a Jewish friend or family to join you at a Shabbat service this year. CBJ has a wide range of Friday night and Saturday morning services – some for adults, some for families, some with a special speaker, some including Torah study. Pick one that appeals to you and bring a friend!

2-Food: Meals – Especially Shabbat dinners – are a wonderful way to share our synagogue with friends. Instead of meeting at a restaurant or eating at home, invite friends to a Community Shabbat to share a meal together. Nothing says "welcome"

like sharing the Shabbat blessings and breaking bread together.

3-Adult education: CBJ-U programming and Rabbi Sultar's Adult Education classes on Sunday mornings or weekday evenings. Invite a friend or two to a class or lecture to nourish their soul (and yours) with engaging ideas and vibrant conversation.

4-Community celebrations: Invite a friend to join you at one of our Community activities or programs, introduce them to our community and kindle (or re-kindle) their interest in Jewish life. Perhaps there's a community shabbat that you enjoy attending, Pizza in the Hut, or our Purim Carnival or our special Sisterhood Shabbat. Shake that lulav in the sukkah. Bring your friends; it's a beautiful way to introduce your friends to our community, and kindle (or re-kindle) the flame of Judaism.

5-Social Action (*Tikkun Olam*): Bring a friend for Social Action activities – CBJ has partnered with the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) to create a network for delivering groceries to housebound people in Phoenixville one Sunday a month. Also, participation in the Philadelphia Cares Winter Coat Drive, annual Mitzvah day includes cook ins, annual Red Cross blood drive, visiting nursing homes, CBJ grounds clean up and Mitzvah Food Pantry including a food drive throughout the High Holidays to name a few activities.

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Remember to join us at CBJ on Saturday February 10th at 7:00pm for Murder At The Moulin! Featuring Without A Cue - an evening of laughter, murder and mystery! Includes drinks, food and the show! \$65 per person. Without A Cue produces interactive entertainment combining theatrical elements, technology and comedy to create unforgettable events. For tickets, contact the CBJ Office at (610) 933-5550 or admin@congbj.org More information - [Murder At The Moulin!](#)

Share the experience and the *mitzvah* (commandment) with your friends. They will thank you for it. Would your friends like to meet other young Jewish families or empty-nesters or seniors? They may feel better coming for the first time with others who can introduce them around and may simply be waiting for an invitation from you!

That is how we build community: Together. Bring a friend!

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!

Stay tuned; we're Pondering some Possibilities:

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

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



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

A WORD ABOUT YARTZEITS AT CBJ FROM RABBI SULTAR

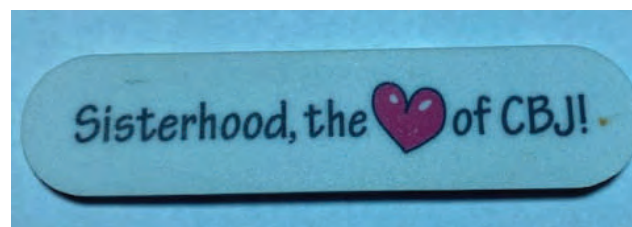
All members of CBJ have the opportunity to record with the synagogue the dates of *yartzeits* (anniversaries of the death) of people we love and want to remember.

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.

SISTERHOOD FUNERAL LUNCHEONS



We have said for years Sisterhood is the heart of CBJ. With the loss of my father Dr. Harold Veloric last week, I saw Sisterhood heart and support in action. Diane Liss, our Funeral Luncheon Coordinator, took the weight of lunch after the funeral and organized the food for our shiva. After one phone call with Diane, I knew we were in good hands. Behind the scenes, Diane found Sisterhood volunteers who made food and desserts and also made sure we had paper goods, coffee, ice and everything we needed to be ready for family and friends.

The day of the funeral Diane and other Sisterhood members came to our house while we were at the funeral. Joining her was Adrienne Burns, Becca Boylan, and Kat Ludwig (who took off work and came on her birthday.) We came home from the funeral to hot coffee and lunch on a wet grey day. What a lovely way to take care of sad people in mourning.

I hope that you will join us to take part in this important mitzvah Sisterhood offers to our CBJ families. Or, if you have not yet helped, please let Diane know to add you to her list of people to cook, buy needed items or help at the member's house. Dianeliss@comcast.net

When Diane calls and asks for help, please say yes to help Sisterhood to continue this mitzvah. Thank you to everyone who helped with our sadness, assisted in the past and helps in the future.

Lori Snow

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

School activities continue including one that everyone can participate. The JRA program gives our students the opportunity to pack food boxes for those in need in our community. Tasks are assigned to each age group as appropriate: The middle grades carry boxes through an assembly-line process putting the assigned items in each box; then our youngest students add fruits and vegetables to each assembled box; and our oldest shlep each box outside to the driveway to be loaded into cars for delivery. Thanks to Lisa and Jeff Anton and Ruth Yeiser for their patience for giving our students this opportunity!



SPONSOR AN ONEG

Have something to celebrate?

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

Seeking all CBJ foodies!

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

Use CBJ's Social Media (Facebook, CBJ website) to announce your events, special occasions etc.

Contact Seth Loux - seth@louxfamily.com
and Jerry Weiss - mjimweiss7@gmail.com
for the website and/or

Lorraine Schur - LSCHUR116@gmail.com
and Jerry Weiss - mjimweiss7@gmail.com
for Facebook.

Parents Of Our School Children:

Did you know CBJ offers a wonderful scholarship opportunity to our religious school families?

The **Louis and Sadie Liss Scholarship Fund** provides scholarships for the children of our members to enjoy enriching Jewish events including Jewish camps, USY on Wheels, USY Israel Pilgrimage, Maccabi Games, Passport to Israel Program and other wonderful experiences.

For more information or to apply for a scholarship, please contact Valerie in the office.

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...

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.

If you participated in our previous scrip program, shopwithscrip.com:

1. Go to raiseright.com on your computer, tablet or download the mobile app on your phone.
2. Use your shopwithscrip.com sign in information to login.
3. Your gift cards and payment information will be automatically transferred to your RaiseRight account.
4. Buy your gift cards and support CBJ!

E-GIFT cards can be sent directly (and, in most cases, instantly) to your computer or phone or to a loved one. For a processing fee, you can also purchase **PHYSICAL gift cards** and have them shipped directly to your home, friends or family. **In this new program, we will not keep gift cards in the office for purchase.**

Pay directly from your bank account or with 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 Amy Siegel and Eric Miller – for Team Engage by Ellie Cantor

Anyone who has spent any time around CBJ surely knows Eric Miller and Amy Siegel and their children, Reggie and Will. Eric is originally from Great Neck, NY. He went to Penn for college (Amy's father's alma mater) and spent his career in insurance, investment, and financial services marketing, both in New York and Philadelphia. He is now happily retired. Amy is a practicing pediatrician with Penn Medicine in Limerick. She grew up in Lansdale and did her medical education at Hahnemann (now Drexel) in Philadelphia (her father's med school alma mater).

Eric and Amy moved to this area in 1990. Having a local conservative synagogue within walking distance of their home was a major factor in their decision as to where she would practice. CBJ filled the bill.

They quickly became actively involved at CBJ, beginning with their recruitment by Hal Katz as youth advisors, which provided them with a voice on the board in advance of their moving up to leadership rolls. Amy is a past treasurer of Sisterhood, and Eric served as CBJ's president in 1998-1999. He now chairs the Trustees and is head of the High Holy Day Committee.

They both confirm that CBJ was a good choice for them due to the friendly, warm, caring nature of the shul, the strong sense of community, and the warm welcomes for everyone.

In her spare time, Amy loves to cook (and Eric loves to eat), and both Eric and Amy enjoy reading and travel.

In answer to the most important question – what is your favorite Jewish soul food? – Eric said, “yes!” (Those of us who know him, even a little, will recognize his very special sense of humor in that response.) He then qualified it by putting Amy's brisket at the top of the list. Amy said kugel, chicken soup, and rugalach are favorites for her, but no chopped liver, please.

You can find Eric, and very often Amy, at our Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services welcoming our congregants and guests. Make sure to say hello!

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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| 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 |

COMMUNITY SHABBAT IS COMING!

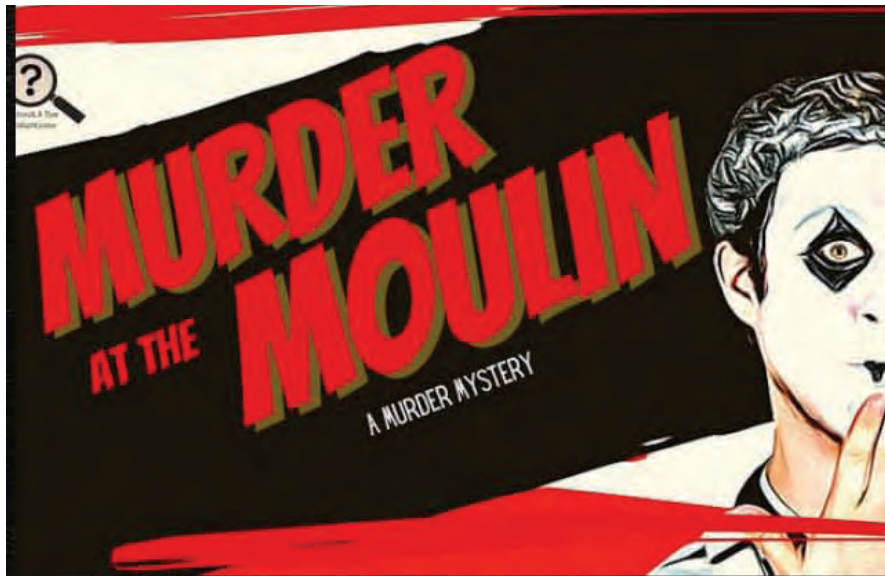


Friday, February 9th
6:30 pm

Community Shabbat:

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





**JOIN US FOR
AN EVENING
OF LAUGHTER,
MURDER &
MYSTERY**

**INCLUDES
DRINKS,
FOOD &
SHOW**



February 10, 2024 7:00 PM
\$65 PER PERSON

101 Manavon Street
Phoenixville PA



**FOR TICKETS
CONTACT
THE SYNAGOGUE
OFFICE AT
610-933-5550
OR ONLINE AT
WWW.CONGBJ.ORG**



FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Sunday: Pick Up at Posted Times

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

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**



Fred Miller combines his voice, keyboard skills, and encyclopedic musical knowledge to present a fascinating look at how the Jewish immigrant experience gave rise to the "Golden Age of American Popular Music."

Legendary composers such as Rodgers and Hammerstein, George and Ira Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, and Irving Berlin were all sons of Jewish immigrants, and they infused their songs with the hopes and dreams of their ancestors, creating 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.

*"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
Starr and Manavon Streets
Phoenixville, PA**

**Tickets: call (610) 933-5550 or visit <https://www.congbj.org/>
Tickets must be purchased by February 28, 2024**



Our goal is to offer rich lifelong learning experiences to all within CBJ and the greater community through programs informed by Jewish values and presented in an atmosphere of fairness, balance, and respect.

DONATIONS

B'nai Jacob Cemetery

Linda Segal in memory of beloved husband of Linda and father of Teddy & Adam, Michael Segal
Mark and Fyllis Etter in memory of Mark's beloved father, Louis Etter
Fred and Dee Goldberg in memory of Fred's beloved sister, Lois Goldberg

Congregation B'nai Jacob

The Rosenfeld Family in memory of Lori Snow's beloved father, Harold Veloric
Hal Katz in memory of Lori Snow's beloved father, Harold Veloric
Joy and Alan Ozer in memory of Lori Snow's beloved father, Harold Veloric
Fred and Dee Goldberg in grateful appreciation of Eric Miller and Amy Siegel
Gary Singer for speedy recovery to Aunt Renee Singer

Capital Fund

Larry and Kathy Koller in memory of Larry's beloved father, Howard Koller
Larry and Kathy Koller in memory of Larry's beloved mother, Faye Director
Kathy and Larry Koller in memory of Kathy's beloved mother, Catherine Cassic
Allan Cohen in memory of beloved mother, Lillian Cohen
Fred and Dee Goldberg in loving memory of Norman Goodman

Pinkus Stern Torah Restoration Fund

Fred and Dee Goldberg in memory of Lori Snow's beloved father, Harold Veloric

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Allison Robin & David Cardamone in memory of Betsey R. Robin
Ken Kulick in memory of beloved grandmother, Rose Hotkin
Mindy Suzan Hargrave in memory of beloved mother, Pearl Reznik
Allan and Barbara Cohen in memory of Lori Snow's beloved father, Harold Veloric
Allan and Barbara Cohen for a happy, healthy New Year to the Eisner Family
Lori and Mark Snow to thank Rabbi Sultar for his comfort & support associated with the
passing of Dr. Harold Veloric

Sisterhood

Marilyn Goldman Tassencourt in memory of Lori Snow's beloved father, Harold Veloric
Shirley Neumann in memory of Lori Snow's beloved father, Harold Veloric

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



Birthday Wishes

1	Hanni Weinstock	12	Hal Tucker
2	Jacob Walker	14	Wendy Liss
2	Jesse Stone	16	Talia Rosenfeld
3	Sadie Schiffman	17	Avery Schwartz
3	Mark Etter	17	Jon Ludwig
3	Marshall Goodman	19	Linda Segal
4	Doug Sigafoos	22	Ruth Yeiser
5	Michael Trachtenberg	25	Connie Silverman
7	Marilyn Gropper	25	Barbara Tucker
9	Gary Singer	27	Deb Marotta



14	Lisa & Bruce Fegan
20	Dee & Fred Goldberg

FEBRUARY YAHRZEIT

<u>February</u>	<u>Hebrew Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Honoree</u>
1	SHEVAT	22	Sarah Spear
2	SHEVAT	23	Eva Zibil
3	SHEVAT	24	Caroline Pauerstein-Henry
4	SHEVAT	25	Lena Lupowitz
4	SHEVAT	25	Meyer Messing
4	SHEVAT	25	Moritz Katz
5	SHEVAT	26	Samuel (Shemiah) Liss
6	SHEVAT	27	Natalie Baskin
6	SHEVAT	27	William Miller
6	SHEVAT	27	Rose Hyman
6	SHEVAT	27	Leroy Miller
7	SHEVAT	28	Martin Goldberg
8	SHEVAT	29	Samuel Nathan
9	SHEVAT	30	Sylvia Kulick
10	ADAR I	1	Leah Phillips
10	ADAR I	1	Edwin Singer
11	ADAR I	2	Eva Tomar
11	ADAR I	2	Elizabeth Siegel
11	ADAR I	2	Rose Freeman
12	ADAR I	3	Philip London
12	ADAR I	3	Sidney Goldberg
13	ADAR I	4	Ty Bailey
13	ADAR I	4	Marvin Wagman
14	ADAR I	5	Janice Slessinger
14	ADAR I	5	Nettie Schiffman
14	ADAR I	5	Morris Goldberg
17	ADAR I	8	Michael Hyman
18	ADAR I	9	Louise Kohn
18	ADAR I	9	Herman Phillips
18	ADAR I	9	Hillard Goldberg
19	ADAR I	10	Sarah Trachtenberg
19	ADAR I	10	Samuel Zeldin
19	ADAR I	10	Rachael Koss Abramson
20	ADAR I	11	Clara Schwartz
20	ADAR I	11	Louis Schiffman
20	ADAR I	11	Dora Liss
20	ADAR I	11	William Margolis
21	ADAR I	12	Barbara Wiener
21	ADAR I	12	Rabbi Harold Kamlser
21	ADAR I	12	Etta Kamsler
23	ADAR I	14	Sydney Skopp
23	ADAR I	14	Louis Trachtenberg
24	ADAR I	15	I. Louis Goldberg
24	ADAR I	15	Irene Talansky
24	ADAR I	15	Robert Albert
25	ADAR I	16	Yetta Trachtenberg

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<u>February</u>	<u>Hebrew Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Honoree</u>
25	ADAR I	16	Isaac Sherman
25	ADAR I	16	Herman Talansky
26	ADAR I	17	Julius Cohen
27	ADAR I	18	Esther Schutzman
27	ADAR I	18	Seymour Weil
28	ADAR I	19	Arthur Kling
28	ADAR I	19	Max Spear
28	ADAR I	19	Morris Schur
28	ADAR I	19	Helen Cohen

THE TREE OF LIFE

In Judaism, the "Tree of Life" often symbolizes the wisdom of the Torah. In Proverbs it says: "Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. It is a tree of life for those who grasp it, and those who draw near it are fortunate." Laws and customs connected with trees permeate the Bible and Talmud, providing an ethical basis underlying human relationships (tithing and charity) and the environment (ecology).

We have a beautiful Tree of life sculpture as you enter our main lobby on the right hand wall. Stop a minute next time you are in the building and look at the names and memories permanently ensconced there- most are happy memories- milestone events like b'nai mitzvahs, marriages and appreciations for life-long friends.

You will see momentous occasions like 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries and 80th or "special" birthdays commemorated on the tree. Other leaves document continuity celebrations for our congregation like births of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Testimonials of generous service to our congregation and other individuals are written in its' boughs.

It tells a story of a community- our community- one we can celebrate and continue to tell going forward.

This is a great time to purchase one and add to our legacy. Let this Tree of Life bring our congregation both physical and spiritual sustenance for the years to come.

To purchase a leaf, contact Carol Actor (cffactor@verizon.net). Leaves are \$150 each.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 22 shevat	2 23 shevat 7:30 pm Service - A Friday Night at the Alteusshul in Prague	3 24 shevat 9:30 am Service
4 25 shevat 10:00 am Rabbi Sultar's Adult Ed Class	5 26 shevat	6 27 shevat	7 28 shevat 7:00 pm - Rosh Chodesh Circle - CBJ Library	8 29 shevat	9 30 shevat 6:30 pm Community Shabbat - Potluck Shabbat Dinner with Family Friendly Service	10 1 adar I 9:30 am Service 7:00 pm Murder Mystery Fundraising Event <i>Mishpatim</i> ROSH CHODESH
11 2 adar I 10:30 am-Tikkun Olam/Social Action/ JRA/CBJ/PACS Food Distribution Pick Up	12 3 adar I	13 4 adar I	14 5 adar I	15 6 adar I	16 7 adar I 7:30 pm Service - Presidents Day Weekend	17 8 adar I 9:30 am Service <i>Terumah</i> ROSH CHODESH
18 9 adar I NO Religious School	19 10 adar I	20 11 adar I	21 12 adar I Executive Committee/then 7:15 pm Minyan, followed by Board Meeting	22 13 adar I	23 14 adar I 7:30 pm Service Birthday/Aniv Shabbat w/ Ice Cream Sundae Oneg PURIM KATAN	24 15 adar I 9:30 am Service <i>Tetzaveh</i> SHUSHAN PURIM KATAN
25 16 adar I	26 17 adar I PRESIDENTS DAY	27 18 adar I	28 19 adar I	29 20 adar I	JANUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MARCH S M T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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