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The Voice of Men's Club

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PJC Men's Club
presents
Movie Night
Tuesday, February 8
at 7:30 pm

featuring
USHPIZIM



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PJC Men's Club
in cooperation
with the
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presents

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Participants will receive, in advance,
instruction on how to put on tefillin. FJMC's
goal is to have a record number
of people "suited up" in tefillin.
This event will also be available
on live stream



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Message from the President



I hope you and your families are doing well. The Covid-Omicron variant has unfortunately effected some of our winter events and programs. Firstly, we have had to reschedule our Men's Club Patio Players show, *Guys and Dolls*, for now, but the show will go on either later this spring or during the next theater season. We have also changed the date for the Sisterhood-Men's Club Shabbat. It will now be held on March 19th. More details to follow. On February 13th, our PJC Men's Club will participate in the Word Wide

Wrap, an annual event in which Bar and Bat Mitzvah age students put on tefillin with the help of our Rabbi, Hebrew school staff, and Men's Club volunteers. This event is held globally which makes it extra special. Please come down to PJC and be part of this spiritual happening. Also this month, on February 8th, the Men's Club will present our annual Film Night, live and in person in the ballroom. This year's film will be *Ushpizin*, the heartwarming story of an orthodox couple living in Jerusalem who engage in the custom of inviting guests to their sukkah. Popcorn, candy, and other refreshments will be served.

Men's Club has been busy selling Super Bowl pool boxes and as of now plan to do the same for March Madness next month. More information is available in this issue and on the PJC Men's Club Facebook site.

I am also very pleased to announce that the Men's Club has selected our 2022 FJMC Man of the Year. This year we will be honoring Jeff Reis. Jeff is a member of our Men's Club Board of Directors and serves as the PJC Head Usher during our High Holiday services. More about this very deserving honoree in our March issue.

Your Men's Club Executive Board and Board of Directors are busy planning many great events happening this spring. More information in upcoming issues of *Hakol*. As the warmer weather approaches, we hope and pray that we will all be able to get together and enjoy good fellowship with many meaningful and fun programs. Be well and stay safe.

In Brotherhood,
Andy Bader
516-884-5729

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Israel's First Spy

While religious Jews acknowledge that the creation and continued existence of the State of Israel is a Divine gift, God appoints his messengers to facilitate His work, including diplomats, generals, politicians, and everyone who has contributed to the welfare of the State over the past seven decades.

One of the most critical tools to Israel's survival has been its intelligence services. The father of Israel's spies is Isser Harel.

Isser Halperin was born in 1912 in Vitebsk, Russia (current day Belarus) to a wealthy family. Isser was five when the Russian Revolution broke out and the Soviet regime confiscated his family's property. In 1922, the family moved to Daugavpils, Latvia, which was not yet under the Soviet orbit. Isser was educated in Daugavpils and joined a Zionist youth organization, and hoped to soon immigrate to British mandatory Palestine. In 1930, he boarded a ship in Genoa, Italy, with fake papers, claiming that he was 18 years old and eligible for a British visa. He brought a pistol that he concealed in a loaf of bread.

After the establishment of the State of Israel, Harel founded and served as the first director of Israel's internal security agency, the "Shin Bet." In 1951, Israel's famed external security agency, "the Mossad," was founded and Harel became its leader a year later, in 1952.

In 1959, Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion received intelligence reports that the infamous Nazi killer, Adolph Eichmann, was living in Argentina under the pseudonym "Ricardo Klement." Ben Gurion knew diplomatic maneuverings would not succeed to extradite Eichmann to Israel, so he asked Harel to devise a strategy to kidnap Eichmann and secretly bring him to Israel to stand trial for his war crimes. In April, 1960, Israeli agents, including Harel, arrived in Buenos Aires, knowing that Klement was living in the San Fernando neighborhood. On May 11, 1960, Eichmann was seized as he walked from a bus stop to his home. He was drugged, disguised as a crewmember and placed on an Israeli diplomatic airplane, which delivered him to Tel Aviv. Harel's account of the operation was detailed in his book, "The House on Garibaldi Street." *continued on page 5*

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In March, 1963, Ben Gurion demanded Harel's resignation due to the unintended injury of individuals in an operation intended to dissuade German rocket scientists from working for Egyptian president Nasser.

Harel entered politics in 1969 as a Knesset member in David ben Gurion's newly created party. Ben Gurion soon resigned from the party, which led to its collapse. Harel lost his seat in the 1973 Knesset elections.

Isser Harel died on February 18, 2003, leaving a wife, daughter, two grandsons and one granddaughter. He very likely took many heroic acts and state secrets with him to the grave.

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Every “Trekkie” knows that Spock’s Vulcan salutation is accompanied by a strange hand gesture. What many don’t realize is that Leonard Nimoy borrowed this symbol from his traditional Jewish upbringing. It’s actually a one-handed version of two-handed priestly blessing gesture.

In Numbers 6:23-27, God instructs Moses that the priests shall “place My name upon the Children of Israel, and I Myself shall bless them.” The blessing the priests were to recite was:

May God bless you and watch over you.

May God shine His face toward you and show you favor. May God be favorably disposed to you and grant you peace.

Birkat Kohanim, the priestly blessing, is also known as *duchenen* (Yiddish, referring to the *duchan* the special platform in the Temple from which the blessing was recited). Birkat Kohanim is also known as *Nesi’ah* *Ka’payim* (lifting of the palms/hands).

While Birkat Kohanim was bestowed daily in the Temple, current customs vary as to how often the blessing is bestowed by the kohanim (daily, every Shabbat, holidays only).

To bestow Birkat Kohanim, the kohanim (priests) stand facing the congregation, their tallit (prayer shawls) draped over their head and arms. They stretch out their arms and, beneath the tallit, arrange their hands with the ten fingers separated to create 5 spaces (pinky-ring-space-middle-index-space-thumb-space-thumb-space-index-middle-space-ring-pinky). The position of the hands reflects the latticework mentioned in Song of Songs (2:9): “My Beloved...looks through the windows peering through the lattice.”

The prayer is recited responsively, one word at a time, first by the cantor and then repeated by the kohanim. While Birkat Kohanim is being recited, congregants are not to look directly at the kohanim and many cover their faces with their prayer books or prayer shawls, following the Talmudic dictum (Chagiga 16b) “One’s eyes will grow weak if one looks at the hands of the priests [during the blessing].”

Leonard Nimoy died on February 27, 2015.

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What Are Tefillin?

“And you shall bind them [the words that I command you today] for a sign upon your arm, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes...(Deuteronomy 6:8)”.

The above verse refers to the mitzvah of tefillin (although the word tefillin does not actually appear anywhere in the text of the Torah). While mention of this mitzvah is repeated four times in the Torah, this very limited text is the way the mitzvah is described. Our entire understanding of tefillin’s physical form comes from the Oral Law, passed down from Moses to Joshua and onto the elders and the sages.

Tefillin are small black leather boxes that are strapped to the arm (tefillin shel yad) and to the head (tefillin shel rosh). The box of the tefillin shel yad (arm) has a single compartment in which is placed a single scroll containing the four Torah passages that refer to this mitzvah: Exodus 13:1-10, Exodus 13:11-16, Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Deuteronomy 11:13-21. The box of the tefillin shel rosh (head) has four separate compartments formed from one piece of leather—each of the four Biblical sections is written on a separate scroll and placed in its own individual compartment.

In order to be kosher:

- 1) The scrolls with the Torah verses must be written on parchment from a kosher animal with ink from a kosher source, bound by the hair of a kosher animal and wrapped in a strip of cloth.
- 2) The black boxes (made from the hides of kosher animals) and their stitches (sewn with the sinew of a kosher animal) must be perfectly square with an opening made for the straps. The tefillin shel rosh must have the letter shin embossed on both its right and left sides.
- 3) The straps must be colored black.

The common translation of tefillin is “phylacteries,” which is a Greek word meaning amulet. According to the Talmud (Yoma 9b), the first Temple was destroyed because the three cardinal sins: idol worship, licentiousness and murder were rampant in Jewish society.

The destruction of the First Temple was a massive trauma for the Jewish people, for the nation was now bereft of its spiritual epicenter.



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For more information and to reserve a date, please call:

Stewart Wasserman
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The following is the schedule of which Men's Club member is responsible for a particular date as well as the officer of the month.

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| 4/10 | Bruce Hymowitz |
| 4/17 | Passover |
| 4/24 | Howard Lampert |

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Now more than ever we need people to participate in the minyan. The morning minyan is at 9:00 am and the evening minyan is at 8:00 pm. Simply go to the Plainview Jewish Center Facebook page and look for the live video.

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December 2021

Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club
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Dear PJC Men's Club,

On behalf of the Hatzilu Rescue Organization, we want to thank you for your wonderful support. Your donation of \$1,000.00 is greatly appreciated and goes directly to helping us fulfill our mission of supporting needy families within Nassau County. We have a terrific team of volunteers who serve and are confident you would be proud of the work we do.

Our commitment to assisting Jewish people in need has never been stronger, unfortunately the need has never been greater. Hatzilu continues to devote all its energy to helping Jewish people in need. Elderly Jews and Holocaust survivors make up 40% of our client base. Many of these elderly clients live solely on Social Security benefits, which do not cover all their financial or nutritional needs. The other 60% is made up of primarily single parent individuals and families. In many cases there is a financial hardship and they need assistance until they can back up on their feet. Other clients have long-term needs due to health or mental health issues. Regardless the reason, Hatzilu Rescue is there to bring support and comfort.

We are grateful for the community's generosity, trust, and most importantly its commitment to our mission. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Alan

Alan Levine
President

Eileen

Eileen Schneyman, LMSW
Acting Executive Director

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This program is brought to you and your family courtesy of The Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club.

The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Project was established in 1981 by The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Donations in support of the Men's Club Yom HaShoah candle program are welcomed.

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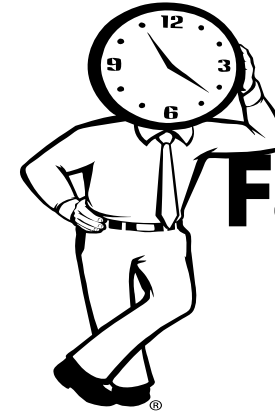
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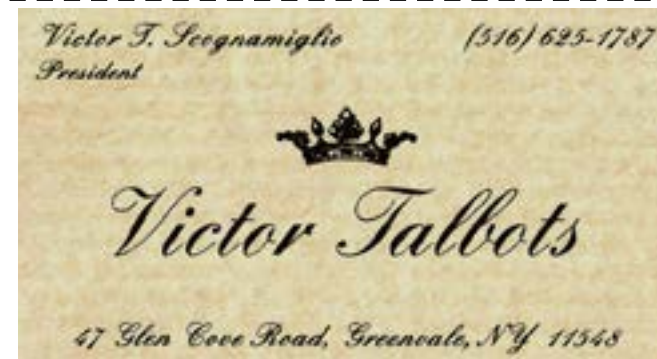
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FEBRUARY

Tuesday
8
7:30 pm



Movie Night: Ushpizim

Sunday
13
9:00 am



FJMC World Wide Wrap

Tuesday
22
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

MARCH



Saturday
19
9:00 am



Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat

Tuesday
22
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

APRIL

Friday
15
7:30 pm



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Tuesday
26
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

Wednesday
27



Yom HaShoah

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		5					4	9
6	8				2			7

Last Month's Answers

7	3	5	2	4	8	6	1	9
2	8	1	6	9	5	4	7	3
4	6	9	7	1	3	2	8	5
9	2	6	5	3	7	8	4	1
5	7	3	1	8	4	9	6	2
1	4	8	9	6	2	5	3	7
6	9	2	4	7	1	3	5	8
8	1	4	3	5	9	7	2	6
3	5	7	8	2	6	1	9	4

Here's How It Works

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle! For tips on how to solve Sudoku puzzles go to: <https://www.howcast.com/videos/202656-how-to-solve-a-sudoku-game>