



***Sisterhood Meeting***

***THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING  
IN APRIL  
HAPPY PASSOVER***

***SISTERHOOD NEWS BEGINS ON PAGE 28***

**MAZEL TOV**

**Barbara and Steven Rubinfeld on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Frankie Gabrielle, daughter of Rebecca and Zachary Rubinfeld.  
Linda and Steve Adelman on the engagement of their daughter, Michelle  
to Yosef Guterman, son of Amy and David Guterman.**

***PJC MISSION STATEMENT***

***Plainview Jewish Center is a forward-looking, family-friendly,  
Conservative synagogue, which respects and incorporates traditional  
Jewish values. We are completely egalitarian and inclusive in all aspects  
of synagogue life.***

***We strive to provide a distinct, positive Jewish identity through  
worship, life-long education, enrichment, and community involvement.  
These practices ensure a congregation in which every member matters.***

**KEEP US INFORMED!!** Got good news? Engagements, marriages, births? Send your information by mail, fax (516-938-2737) or email (pjcli@optonline.net) so that we may share your simchas with the congregation.

**PLEASE LET OUR CLERGY KNOW!** Current laws prevent hospitals from releasing names of patients. Please call the Temple Office when you, a family member, or friend are in the hospital and would welcome a visit. Contact the Temple office at 516-938-8610 ext.0.

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**Plainview Jewish Center  
516-938-8610**

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**Mon. thru Fri..... 7:30AM**

**Mon. thru Thurs.....8:00PM**

**Sun. and Holidays..... 9:00AM**

**Sun. and Holidays..... 8:00PM**

**Friday Evening Services -**

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## APRIL CALENDAR

Rabbi Steven Conn will officiate at services

The Officers and Board of Trustees Extend a Hearty Mazel Tov to the Families of the Following Simchas

### Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Matzo Ball and Crack Bake.....7:00PM

### Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Musical Tot Shabbat.....5:30PM

Erev Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

### Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah.....7:30PM

### Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan...9:00AM

Alef/Bet Workshop.....10:30AM

### Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Sisterhood Board Meeting.....7:30PM

### Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Board of Trustees Meeting.....8:30PM

### Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Erev Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

### Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Early Mincha Service.....12:30PM

Community Passover Seder #1.....6:45PM

### Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Passover Morning Service - Day 1.....9:00AM

Erev Passover Service.....6:15PM

Community Passover Seder #2.....6:45PM

### Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Passover Morning Service -Day 2.....9:00AM

### Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Program.....8:30PM

### Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Conn.....11:00AM

### Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Ritual Committee Meeting.....8:30PM

### Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Erev Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

### Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit & Passover Service – Day 7.....9:00AM

Passover Service – Day 8.....7:15PM

### Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Passover Morning Service – Day 8

& Yizkor.....9:00AM

### Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Men's Club Board Meeting.....8:30PM

### Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Community Yom Hashoah Program.....7:00PM

### Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Erev Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

### Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

**BABY NAMING: FRANKIE GABRIELLE,  
DAUGHTER OF REBECCA AND ZACHARY  
RUBENFELD,  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF  
BARBARA AND STEVEN RUBENFELD &  
SHARI AND DAVID GOLDBERG**

Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah.....8:00PM

### Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan...9:00AM

### Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Teen Social Action.....7:00PM

### Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Board Meeting.....8:30PM

### Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration .....5:45PM

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE PJC FACEBOOK PAGE.  
EVENING SERVICES ARE HELD IN PERSON  
AT PJC AT 8PM MONDAY - THURSDAY**

**MORNING SERVICES ARE HELD IN PERSON AT PJC  
AND LIVESTREAM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30AM.**

**WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING SERVICES WILL BE  
LIVESTREAM ONLY AT 7:30AM.**

**HAPPY PASSOVER!**



# PLAINVIEW

## Jewish Center

### **FRONT DOOR SECURITY**

To my fellow congregants:

As a part of maintaining a secure building at all times. especially when security personnel are not present (evening meetings and evening services), the front doors will no longer be open just prior to the start of a meeting or services. We will institute the policy below:

Commencing immediately, in order to gain access to the synagogue using the front entrance doors (again when there is no security personnel on site), everyone will be required to ring the video intercom button to the left of the doors. The doors will be unlocked by the remote control and you will be able to gain access to the building. For those requiring handicap access, an automatic door opener has been installed and the button is clearly marked. The right hand door will open by an automatic arm and close behind you.

Any questions or suggestions, email me: [bhcpa@optonline.net](mailto:bhcpa@optonline.net).

**Bruce Hymowitz**

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**In case inclement weather causes PJC to cancel in-person services, we will notify you at least one half hour before those services in the following ways:**

- 1. An email will be sent;**
- 2. A message will be posted on the PJC Facebook page;**
- 3. A voice message will be on the PJC phone (516-938-8610 )**

**In the event that the in-person services are canceled, we will still offer livestream services.**

**Power or Internet outages may affect our ability to notify you. In that case use your discretion.**



**FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn**

There are two ways to learn history. One way is to memorize the facts. The other way is to relive the events. Memorization is the way many of us learned history in high school. Reliving the events is way we Jews have always learned our history.



The easiest way to tell the Torah of Passover would be to read the first twelve chapters of the Book of Exodus. But the Passover Haggadah barely quotes from the Book of Exodus. Instead, we engage in a mixture of prayers, readings and rituals that help us experience for ourselves what it was like to be a slave in Egypt and what it was like to go free. At the beginning of our seders, we eat a green vegetable dipped in salt water. The saltwater, of course, symbolizes the tears of the Israelite slaves. Anyone who has ever swallowed their own tears will recognize the taste immediately. When we uncover the matzah after the four questions, we do not sing “*Avadim haya avotaynu*”—“Our ancestors were slaves.” We sing “*Avadim Hayinu*”—“**we** were slaves.” Similarly, when we sing *Dayenu*, we recount the story of the exodus, the forty years in the wilderness, the arrival in the land of Israel and event the building of the Temple in Jerusalem in the first person plural, as if these events happened to us personally. We eat matzah, the bread of affliction and the bread of freedom, just like our ancestors did. We experience a taste of the bitterness of slavery when we eat the *maror*, the bitter herbs. We also take time during our seder to explore how the experience of slavery in Egypt echoes in our own time, whether it is in the persistence of antisemitism, the oppression of religious and ethnic minorities or battle against modern day slavery, poverty and hunger. Seder nights are not just a time to remember the story of the exodus, but to live for at least a few moments as slaves in Egypt and then as newly free people.

Just days after Passover ends, we mark Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. For a number of years now, I have been closely involved in creating our congregation’s Yom HaShoah program. I have had to ask myself, “what does it mean for our community to remember the Holocaust?” Our program cannot just be a history lesson, at least not in the conventional way. It is not enough for us to just review the events of the Holocaust and commit the facts to memory. Knowing about the events of the Holocaust is important. Too many people are unfamiliar with even the basic facts. But as Jews, we need not only to know what happened to our people during the Holocaust, but also to re-experience some of the persecution and the suffering inflicted on European Jews. That is how Jews learn and preserve history. That is how we pass our history down to the next generation. And we need

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to bring to light the persistence of root causes of the Holocaust, antisemitism, bigotry and hatred, in our own time.

For decades now, we have had Holocaust survivors who have helped us to understand what it was like to live through the horrors of the Holocaust. In recent years, many of their children and grandchildren have taken on the role of bearing witness. Through their stories, the story of the Holocaust becomes a part of our story as well. We are grateful for the willingness of our survivors and their families, as well as Holocaust scholars, to teach us the history of the Holocaust in a very Jewish way to share with us not just the facts of their experiences, but the feelings and emotions as well. In opening themselves to us, they have allowed us to experience a little of what they have experienced and to carry that experience with us as a part of who we are as Jews.

In many places in the world, we Jews must take full responsibility for making sure the events of the Holocaust are remembered and re-lived. We must be the ones to raise the alarm when antisemitism, bigotry and hatred flare up in our country and in the world. In our community, however, we are very fortunate. We have a strong partner in the Plainview Old Bethpage Central School District. New York State requires all school districts to teach their students about the Holocaust. Lessons about the Holocaust are woven into the K-12 curriculum, with a special emphasis in the upper grades. Our own Plainview Old Bethpage schools have embraced this mandate, going above and beyond what the State of New York requires. This year on Yom HaShoah, staff members from the Plainview Old Bethpage schools will share with us information about Holocaust education in our community and some of their own personal experiences in teaching the Holocaust to a very diverse group of students. They will also tell us about the school districts extensive efforts to teach about antisemitism and bigotry, both in connection with the Holocaust and also in contemporary life. The educators will describe the many ways, including incorporation survivors' testimonies, that they make Holocaust education come alive and touch not only the minds but also hearts of all of our students.

On Yom HaShoah, we will acknowledge these dedicated educators and express our gratitude for the important work they do. We will also take some time to acknowledge and honor two very accomplished Holocaust educators in our own congregation: Zelda Polofsky and Jud Newborn. Both Zelda and Jud have devoted much of their lives to teaching about the Holocaust. With their passion for teaching and their willingness to go outside the Jewish community to bring the stories of the Holo-

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caust to light, they do a great service to the Jewish people. We are proud to have both Zelda and Jud as part of our Plainview Jewish Center Family.

Please join us on Wednesday night April 23<sup>rd</sup> for what promises to be a powerful and informative program.

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## **Cook the Holidays with PJC**

### **Part 3**

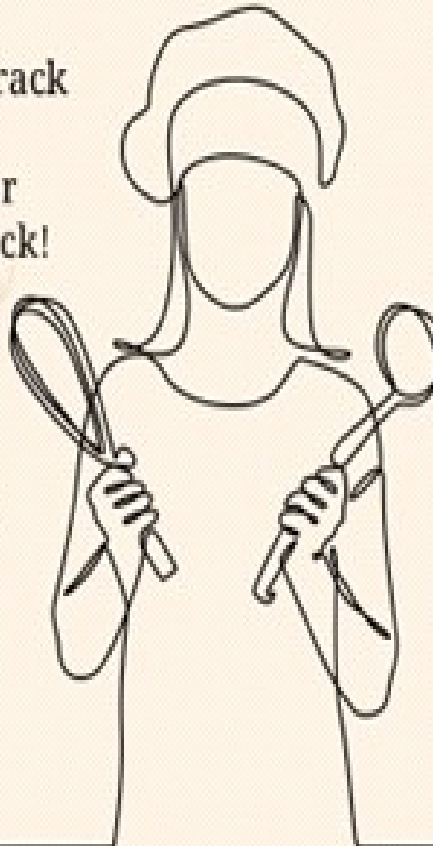
### **Matzah Balls & Matzah Crack**

Learn how to make everyone's Passover favorites: Matzah balls and Matzah crack!

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

This is the third of a four part cooking series. If you did not prepay, RSVP and payment of \$36 must be done prior to 3/27/25

All supplies will be provided.  
Event is open to all!



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Please call the Temple office to RSVP at (516) 938-8610. Any questions, please contact Lauren Hymowitz at (516) 965-7909

Plainview Jewish Center 95 Floral Drive West Plainview, NY 11803

**A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT by STACY MEYERSON**

Dear Friends,



Happy Spring! I would like to start off this address by congratulating both Sisterhood and Men's Club on their major annual fundraisers that both happen to occur around the same time. First, Sisterhood did a spectacular job getting orders for Shalach Manot and assembling the bags. This is a huge undertaking, and they made it look easy. Second is the awesome Men's Club production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolored Dreamcoat. I had the privilege of seeing this show more than once and it did not disappoint. This project, also, is a massive undertaking and the work and dedication of the producers, director, choreographer, musicians, actors, technical personnel, and everyone else involved is apparent. Yashar Koach to both Sisterhood and Men's Club on jobs well done!

We now start to look forward to Pesach. The cooking...the cleaning...the constipation (yes, I went there)...sigh! That being said, I happen to love the story and the togetherness of this holiday. As we have done in the past, the synagogue will be conducting two community seders. Make your reservations through the office now. We also have upcoming a full-day Canasta tournament being organized by Cheryl Dender and Arlene Pickus. Look for the flier in the Orbit and the Weekend Update emails. Please sign up and encourage a friend to come if you are a Canasta enthusiast!

As I write this article, I am watching the clock as I am planning to attend minyan this evening for my father's yahrzeit. This seems like a nice time to give a shout out to all who attend our morning and evening minyans. We pride ourselves as a synagogue on providing morning and evening minyan for those who want to attend, and we could not do it without our regulars. Special shout out to those individuals who lead our minyan services as well! You have become internet stars and people look forward to your davening leadership. (I would try to list you all, but I will unintentionally forget someone which I don't want to do!)

In keeping with the theme of recognizing people who don't normally get shout outs, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the office, custodial, clergy, and school staff who keep our synagogue running! Sometimes a week or two will go by where I don't see **some of them, yet I see the fruits of their labor. They know what** must be done and they do it.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the congregants, for your on-going support both personally and for the synagogue. PJC is my community, my country club (as one of my friends likes to say), and it gives me pride to be a part of this community.

Welcome back to all the snow birds! Wishing you all a zissen Pesach!

Xoxo **Stacy**

# WE'RE SAVING YOU A SEAT AT OUR SEDER TABLE

## JOIN US FOR PASSOVER SEDERS AT PJC

LEAD BY RABBI CONN AND CANTOR MERRICK  
FOOD BY ROBERT IAN CATERERS

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH AT 6:45 PM  
SUNDAY APRIL 13TH AT 6:45 PM

\$65 per person, \$25 for children under 13.

RSVP by April 7th to

[pjcli@optonline.net](mailto:pjcli@optonline.net) or (516) 938-8610

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## *Religious School - Michal Fruchter, Principal*

Dear Friends,

As the month of March flew by with lots of Purim shpils, music and fun projects, now it is time for families to start making preparations for the Passover seders. I want to wish you a very joyous Passover, in good health and spirits!

In the Haggadah (book that is read at the Passover seder), it is stated that every type of child is present at the Passover seder meal: the wise son, the wicked/rebellious son, the simple son, and the son who doesn't even know how to ask questions. We are instructed to teach each of these 4 'sons' about the story of Passover in a way that is geared towards his personality.

On Passover we recognize that no two people are alike and we must be there for everyone according to their own level. This is a fundamental basis for education, as King Solomon said in Proverbs: "Educate a child according to his way; even when he grows old, he will not turn away from it."

The goal of education is not merely to transmit information, but to mold the student's character, and to set their feet on a path which they can follow throughout their lives.

This is the driving force that our educators follow on a daily basis at Plainview Jewish Center Hebrew School. It is important that we not just teach children academics, rather we must convey to them important moral values as well.

As you sit with your family and friends during this Passover holiday, take a moment and enjoy your meal and your children. Be proud of what you are accomplishing by teaching them about Judaism.

Chag Sameach, Michal Fruchter

**WE WISH TO THANK AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE  
FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE MORNING MINYAN:**

**Randy & David Goldstein**

## ***Family Friendly Friday Night Services***

Hello everyone! Due to the holidays, there will not be a FFFNS in April. We wish everyone a wonderful Passover!

We are always looking for sponsors – \$20 for birthday, anniversary, any other simcha, or for any reason. Sponsors help us put together wonderful onegs after services. If interested, please contact Gail Kriss at (516) 932-5778 or [krisses@aol.com](mailto:krisses@aol.com).

Any questions, please contact the committee as follows:

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GROUP**

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**MONTHLY ON MONDAY  
AT 7:00 PM  
NEXT MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 28TH  
FREE AND OPEN TO ALL**





**SPECIAL PASSOVER LUNCH AND LEARN**

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:  
THE MOVIE AND ITS JEWISH ROOTS**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH  
AT 11:00AM**

**RSVP BY APRIL 11TH (56)938-8610  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**



**PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER  
ANNUAL YOM HASHOAH  
COMMEMORATION**



**HOLOCAUST EDUCATION  
NOW MORE THAN EVER  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 23RD  
7:00 PM**

**FEATURING AN UPDATE FROM THE PLAINVIEW OLD BETHPAGE  
SCHOOLS' STAFF**

**"HOLOCAUST AND ANTISEMITISM EDUCATION IN OUR  
SCHOOLS"**

**HONORING TWO OUTSTANDING HOLOCAUST EDUCATORS IN OUR  
CONGREGATION:**

**ZELDA POLOFSKY AND JUD NEWBORN**

**OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY**



## Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day

Generation to Generation. From Parent to Child. We light remembrance candles on Yom HaShoah to honor the memory of Holocaust victims.

Each family that belongs to the Plainview Jewish Center will receive a box in the mail containing a Yom HaShoah yellow candle. The package your family will receive will contain a letter with the name of a child who died during the Holocaust and who likely has no surviving relatives to light a candle in his/her memory.

**Your Yom HaShoah yellow candle is to be lit on Wednesday night, April 23, 2025.**

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.

Make checks payable to PJC Men's Club and write Yom HaShoah in the memo section.

Drop off donations at PJC or send by mail to: PJC, Attn: Men's Club, 95 Floral Dr. W., Plainview, NY 11803.





IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN RICHTER



YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD  
**SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD  
**2025**



**ESTD • 2023**

**WHEN:**

BREAKFAST SERVED – 8:30AM

EVENT BEGINS – 9:00AM

SOFTBALL GAMES – 9:30AM - 5:30PM

**WHERE:**

PLAINVIEW - OLD BETHPAGE  
COMMUNITY PARK  
(PLAINVIEW POOL)

175 WASHINGTON AVE.  
PLAINVIEW, NY, 11803

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**



JR SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FORM

JERSEY ORDER DEADLINE IS 3/31  
(INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION FORM)

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT:**

JARED CHARITON - 516-650-3684  
MICHAEL BERGMAN - 516-650-2441

JONATHAN RICHTER MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING DONATION PAGE



Please join us for our first all-day

# Canasta Tournament

Plainview Jewish Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

Sign-ups must be done in pairs

To register, email Arlene or Cheryl:

[sliceback@yahoo.com](mailto:sliceback@yahoo.com)

[cheryl.dender@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.dender@gmail.com)

PJC Membership Discount: \$100 / Non-Members: \$118

Payment by **check** made out to Plainview Jewish Center

Mail to: 95 Floral Drive West, Plainview, NY 11803

ATTN: Canasta Tournament

9:30 a.m. - Check-in and light breakfast

10 a.m. - Cards

12 p.m. - Catered lunch

1 p.m. - Cards

3 p.m. - Tournament Ends

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!





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The Long Island Cluster  
Israel Day on 5th Parade  
[www.israeldayon5th.com](http://www.israeldayon5th.com)

Sunday, May 18, 2025  
11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

departure time will be determined when we are assigned a step off time.

\$25pp round trip coach bus\*and T-shirt

\$10 pp T-shirt only

Parade t-shirts required to march in parade

\*Limited availability on buses.

Reserve your seat by April 25th

For further information  
Call Diane Miller at (516) 972-4537 or  
Barbara Berse at (516) 946-2255



## Shalach Manot Thank You

As I sit down to write another thank you article I wish to thank all the Sisterhood women who participated in this year's Shalach Manot project. Unfortunately I was unable to participate in this year's preparations but I do appreciate all the efforts of the Sisterhood women. This project is Sisterhood's largest project every year and is to be recognized for its success.

This article is dedicated to the wonderful women who have just completed months of preparation for the beautiful Shalach Manot bags you have just received. We asked that you let Sisterhood be your agent in sending Shalach Manot and you out did yourselves in your support and we thank you all!

At this time I would like to single out the women whose hard work and dedication has been the backbone of this committee. They are:

Our President Barbara Berse. Her expertise in recoding all the orders, bookkeeping, making up flyers and coordinating everything was extraordinary.

Co Chairman. Marion Weisfelner who did all the advertising, organized the volunteers, as well as took over all my responsibilities. You are a gem.

Judi Dorosin for purchasing items for the bags and coordinating them. In addition Judi is our College Chairman. She is responsible for making and sending all the packages to out college kids. What would we do without you?

Next we give a special thanks to these women for their dedication to this project. They shopped and schlepped-Judi Dorosin, Rose Weiner, Rhonnie Diener, Judy Forman, Marion Weisfelner and Izzy Weisfelner. And to my daughter Alyssa Beitler for putting together and wrapping the beautiful baskets for the Rabbi and Cantor. Tov, Tov, Tov to all of you!

Next to thank are all the packers: Marion Weisfelner, Judi Dorosin, Rose Weiner, Judy Forman, Mara Bader, Rhonnie Diener, Debbie Tetens-Thor, Debbie Siegel, Zelda Polofsky, Sharon Schwartz, Marlene Cepeda, Linda Adelman, Michele Haimen, Zita Jospa, Barbara Berse, Lee Hauptman, Ellen Hayman, Beverly Moskowitz, Carol Hauser, Sabrina Hymowitz, Stacy Meyerson, Merri Lewin, Alyssa Beitler and Bunny Finkelstein. (apologies if we omitted anyone).

Another special thank you to our office staff Dorit and Debbie for all the help and support they give Sisterhood. And let us not forget the PJC Custodians Freddie and Tulia. You are part of the backbone of this committee. We cannot thank you enough for all your help.

To all, a job well done! Thank you to all participants for your continued support. **Bunny Finkelstein , Shalach Manot Committee**

## **PJC BUY A BRICK PROGRAM**

Please help us in raising money to upgrade, beautify and maintain our building and grounds. Our Walkway of Memories provides a permanent way to honor or memorialize a family member or friend, a business or special occasion.

For further information please call:  
Larry Speiller at (516) 938-8610.

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**REMEMBER TO PURCHASE CANDY BAGS  
FOR YOUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH  
THROUGH OUR YOUTH GROUP  
CONTACT THE TEMPLE OFFICE: 938-8610**

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**REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN  
PURCHASE YARMULKES  
FOR YOUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH OR WEDDING  
THROUGH OUR SISTERHOOD**

**CONTACT: MARGIE: 516-935-7831 or  
MICHELE: 516-822-0704**

# Musical Tot Shabbat

Ages 0 – 8 (Older siblings welcome)

Friday

April 4th at 5:30pm

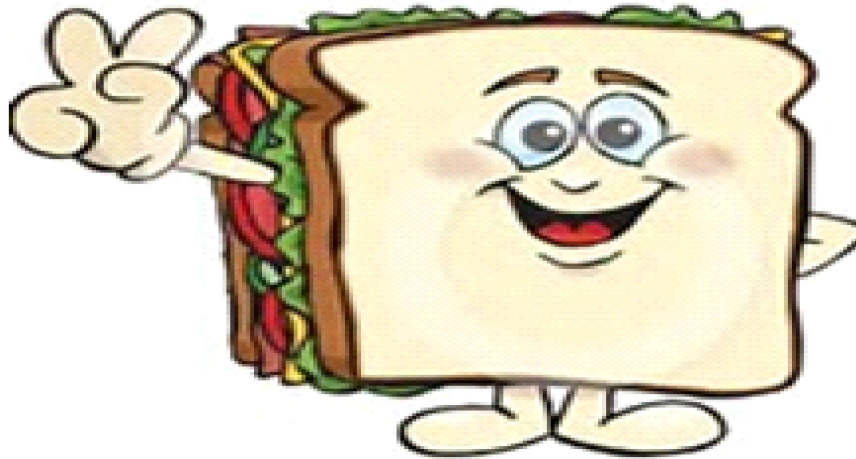


***Led by Michal Fruchter with  
Shana Fruchter on keyboard***

*Join us for this exciting program with  
music, games, songs, stories, prayers and more!*



## **SANDWICH MAKING FOR LONG ISLAND CONNECTIONS**



**APRIL 27TH - 9:30AM**

**JOIN OUR DEDICATED GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS  
TO MAKE BAGGED LUNCHES  
FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY OF LONG ISLAND**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PITCH IN  
AS WE CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT  
TO FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN OUR AREA.**

*A special thank you to Brian Lew of Sandwich Express  
for his donation of brown paper bags and napkins  
and*

*Jimmy of Northeastt Banana Corp.  
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**Thank you, Bunny Finkelstein**



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# SISTERHOOD NEWS

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : *Barbara Berse***



I'd like to thank everyone who helped with Shalach Manot for Purim - from planning to shopping to packing, as well as everyone who purchased bags for their family and friends. These contributions to Sisterhood's most important fundraiser help to deliver exciting programs and allow Sisterhood to make donations to many organizations, and especially to the Plainview Jewish Center. I'd also like to thank Rose Weiner and Marion Weisfelner for helping to distribute the Shalach Manot bags at Purim services.

I hope you enjoyed the Women's Seder. There will be no general meeting in April. See you at our meeting on Tuesday May 6th. Happy Passover!

## **PROGRAM *Rose Weiner - Program Vice President***

I want to thank everyone who attended our Chair Yoga program. It was very well received and the instructor enjoyed doing it. Hope you were encouraged to stay fit and healthy.

Our Women's Seder was very successful and Cantor Judy Merrick did a great job leading it. It was both informative and entertaining.

We are planning some interesting and fun programs for May and June. Details to follow.

## **EDUCATION *Michele Brickman - Education Vice President***

Passover begins on the evening of Saturday, April 12th and ends after nightfall on Sunday, April 20th. We are really looking forward to a delicious and spiritual seder- one at PJC and one at our niece and nephew's house. I am so grateful for the freedom of religion in this country. I pray that our leaders recognize its value and continue to let Jews live in peace and harmony in this wonderful country of ours.

May you and your families enjoy a wonderful Passover week, with joy, freedom, family and good food.

Shalom, Michele

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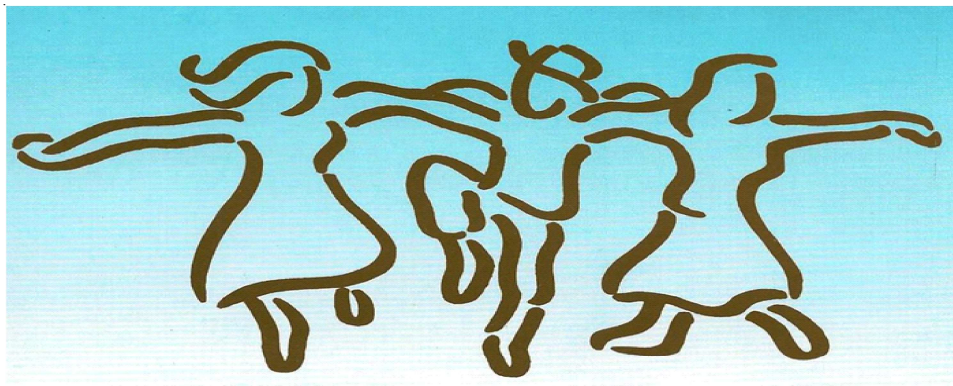
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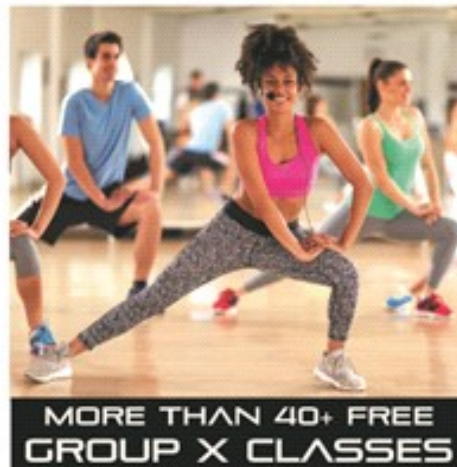
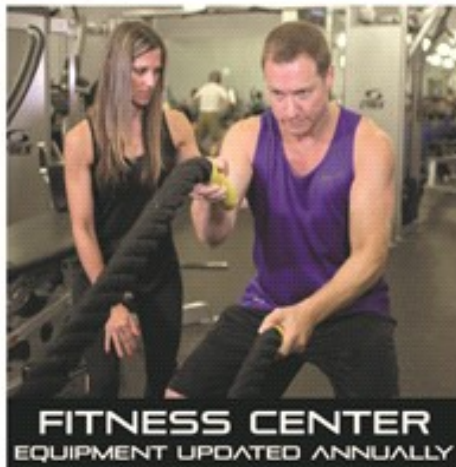
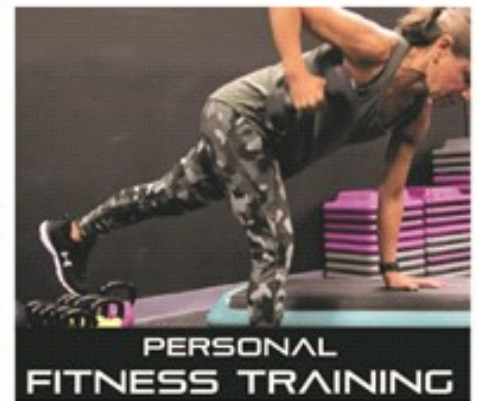
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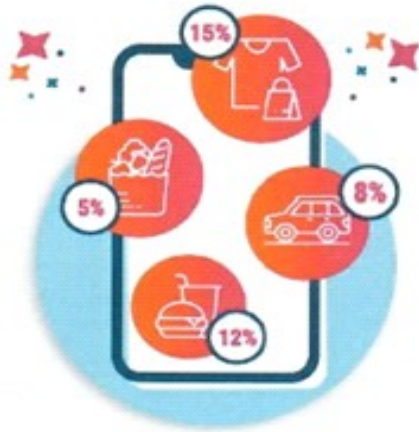
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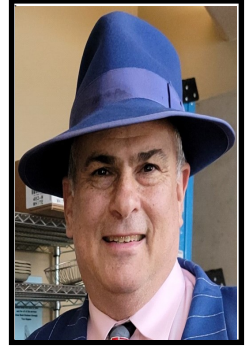
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***MEN'S CLUB by Stuart Haimes***

April is here and that means warmer weather is on the way and Passover is right around the corner. If you don't have plans for either seder, I highly recommend you participate in the community seder at Plainview Jewish Center. My family has attended it several times and we find it very enjoyable. Rabbi Conn and Cantor Merrick lead a beautiful seder using a hagaddah specially prepared for us and the seder meal prepared by our temple caterer is delicious. Contact the temple office today and make your reservation now.

With March now in the rear view mirror, we look back on two hugely successful events. Our production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was just incredible. We had record ticket sales, a very successful Playbill and very good sales at the snack bar and raffle table. We had great participation from Men's Club. I want to thank all who responded on multiple occasions to build the sets, assemble the stage, setup and break down the lighting and sound equipment. And, in the end, we had to breakdown the stage and restore the room to its original splendor. I've always said how amazing it is that we convert our temple's dining room into a Broadway style theater and when we are done, it's like we were never there. Thanks to all who participated by checking in guests, manning the snack bar, selling raffles, ushering guests to their seats and all the other aspects that made our production so successful.

Aside from the show, Men's Club sponsored another fabulous Purim party featuring our world famous make your own sundae bar and delicious hamantashen. The whole Purim program was very well attended with kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors all participating and having a great time.

In the not too distant future, June 1st to be exact, Plainview Jewish Center is going to host the annual Man of the Year/Youth of the Year program in coordination with the New York Metropolitan Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. This year's Man of the Year is Mark Hochberg and our youth honorees are Andrew Guttman, Mia Bernstein and Jacob Wayne. Congratulations to all! You can read all about them at [www.newyorkmetrofjmc.org](http://www.newyorkmetrofjmc.org).

We are currently planning, in conjunction with the New York Metro Region, a showing of the new documentary, October 8th. This is a movie depicting the emergence of anti-semitism on college campuses, in social media and on the streets

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**Men's Club** ( continued from Page 33 )

since October 7th, 2023 when Hamas attacked Israel. Stay tuned for further information.

April and May are usually light months for Men's Club programming as the bulk of our programming season has concluded. We are always on the lookout for programs and events during this time. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know. In the meantime, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Passover and enjoy your time with family and friends. As you enjoy your Passover meals, let's keep in our minds and hearts all those still being held captive by Hamas.

In brotherhood, your President and friend,  
Stuart P. Haimes  
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### Men's Club Dates to Watch For

#### FEBRUARY

Saturday

**8**

9:00 am

Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat



Sunday

**9**

9:00 am

FJMC World Wide Wrap



Sunday

**16**

5:30 pm

Movie Night: White Bird



**25**

8:30 pm



Board Meeting

#### MARCH

Saturday

**8**

8:00 pm

Patio Players Opening Night



Sunday

**9**

2:00 pm

Patio Players 1st Matinee



Thursday

**13**

6:30 pm



Purim Ice Cream Social

Saturday

**15**

8:00 pm

Patio Players 2nd Eve. Perf.



Sunday

**16**

2:00 pm

Patio Players Matinee (Fin'l Perf.)



Tuesday

**25**

8:30 pm



Board Meeting

#### APRIL



Tuesday

**22**

8:30 pm



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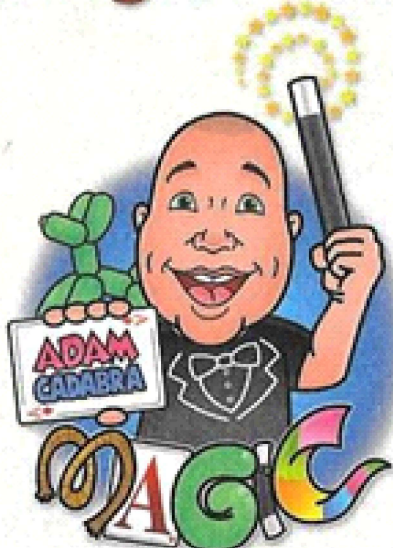
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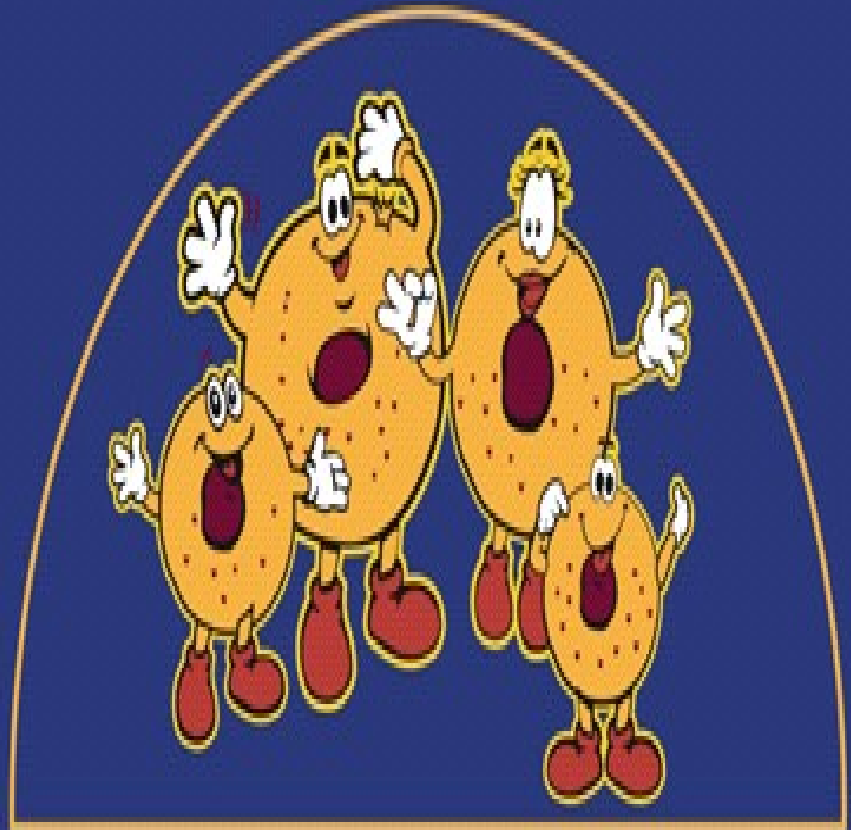
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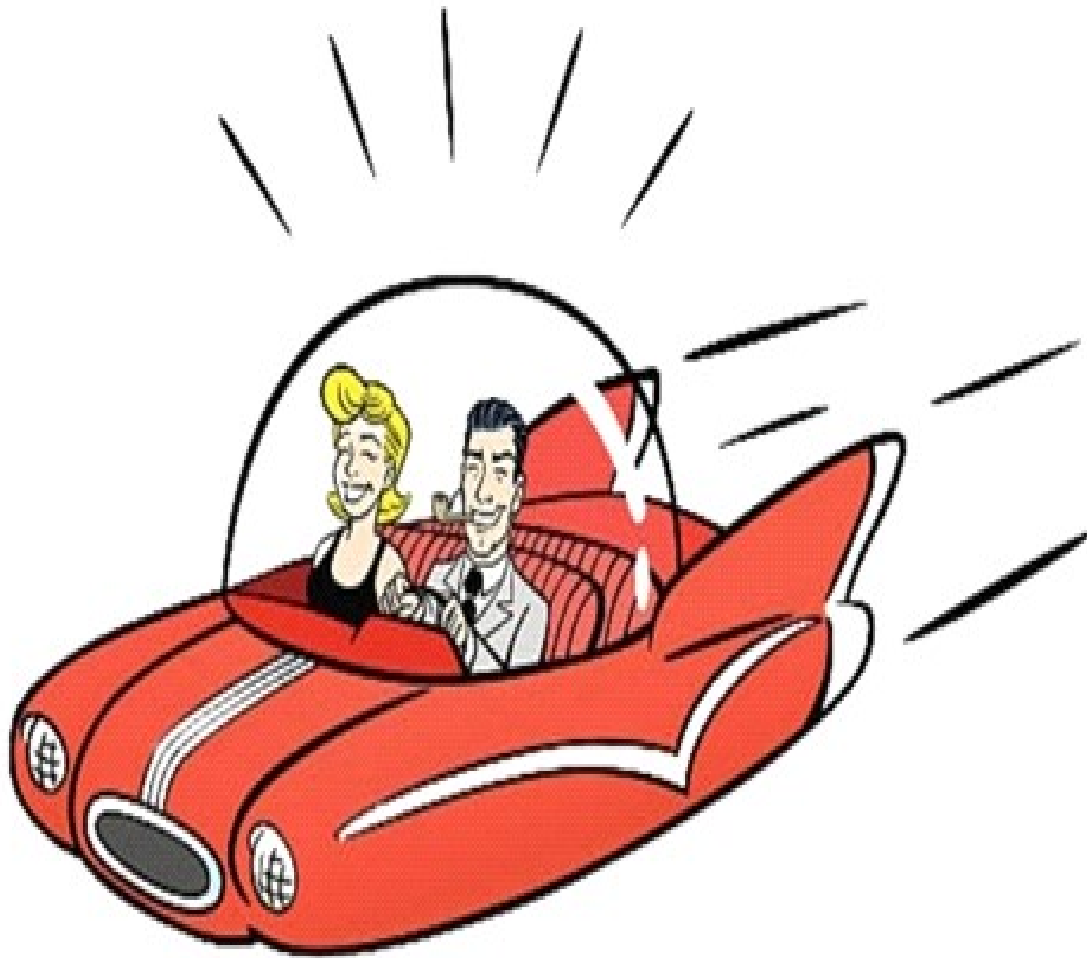
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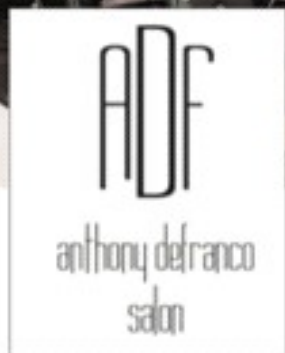
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Respecting others' privacy is an important Jewish value. *Lashon HaRa*—gossip—is uniformly condemned by our tradition. But there is at least one exception. When someone is ill or in need of care and support, it is a mitzvah to tell people who can help.

In our community, the Rabbi provide pastoral support to individuals and families who are suffering illness and those who need emotional support. The Rabbi also serves as the liaison to our newly formed Bikur Cholim Committee; which provides additional visits and support to those who request it.

Please let the Rabbi know when someone in our congregation is ill; or when a family is dealing with a crisis. Only when they know can they reach out to individuals and families in need. Only when they know can they mobilize our Bikur Cholim committee to provide additional support. Don't worry that they might already have the information. Don't worry that you are "bothering" these busy people. The information you provide will be vital to helping our congregation to serve the needs of those who need us the most.

**Rabbi Conn can be reached at PJC  
at (516) 938-8610.**

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