# PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER



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# Happy Mother's Day!

Sisterhood Meeting

Tuesday May 7th at 7:45pm Israeli Showcase Month The formation of Israel under the Presidency of Harry Truman

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### **HAMAKOM YINACHEM**

Shari Kubrick on the passing of her father, William Katz.

Dorene Greenberg on the passing of her mother, Laura Kahn.

Robert Englander on the passing of his mother, Estelle Englander.

Mina Friedmann on the passing of her sister, Helen Kaminsky.

Hannah Dworkin on the passing of her sister, Judith Bergman.

### **MAZEL TOV**

Lydia & Marc Wieselthier on the birth of their grandson, Archer Blake, son of Sarah and Steven Gruber.

Susan & David Millman on the birth of their granddaughter, Georgia Rae daughter of Nikki & Evan Millman.

Dorit and David Mass on the marriage of their son Michael to Stacy Gever, daughter of Marcy and Larry Gever.

**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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### **WEEKDAY SERVICES**

| Mon. thru Fri        | . 7:30AM |
|----------------------|----------|
| Mon. thru Thurs      | 8:00PM   |
| Sun. and Holidays    | 9:00AM   |
| Sun. and Holidays    | 8:00PM   |
| Friday Evening Servi | ces -    |

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# **MAY 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

| Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>                  |            | Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>                            |
|--|------------|---|
| Erev Shabbat Service                         | 6:00PM     | Musical Tot Shabbat5:30PM                               |
| Saturday, May 4th                            |            | Erev Shabbat Service6:00PM                              |
| Shacharit Service                            | 9·00AM     | Saturday, May 18th                                      |
| Shir and Share Shabbat                       |            | Shacharit Service9:00AM                                 |
| Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah                  |            | Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah8:15PM                       |
| Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>                  |            | Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>                            |
| Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan  | 9:00AM     | Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan 9:00AM      |
| Monday, May 6th                              |            | FJMC Brunch11:00AM                                      |
| Yom Hashoah Program                          | 7:00PM     | Tuesday, May 21st                                       |
| Evening Minyan wiil begin following this pro | gram at    | Sisterhood Board Meeting7:30PM                          |
| approximat                                   | ely 8:00PM | Wednesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>                         |
| <u>Tuesday, May 7</u> <sup><u>±</u></sup>    |            | Sisterhood Canasta Tournament7:00PM                     |
| Sisterhood Program                           | 7:45PM     | Thursday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>                          |
| Wednesday, May 8th                           |            | Ritual Committee Meeting7:30PM                          |
| Lunch and Learn                              | 11:00AM    | Friday, May 24th  |
| <u>Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup></u>          |            | Erev Shabbat Service6:00PM                              |
| Board of Trustees Meeting                    | 8:30PM     | <u>Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup></u>                    |
| <u>Friday, May 10</u> <sup>±</sup>           |            | Shacharit Service9:00AM                                 |
| Erev Shabbat Service                         | 6:00PM     | BAT MITZVAH: EMILY WAYNE,                               |
| Family Friendly Friday Night Service         |            | DAUGHTER OF SHOSHANIT AND JOSH WAYNE                    |
| Honoring High School Grads                   | 7:00PM     | Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah8:30PM                       |
| Saturday, May 11th                           |            | Sunday, May 26th  |
| Shacharit Service                            | 9:00AM     | Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan9:00AM       |
| Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah                  | 8:15PM     | Teen Social Action Charity 5KTBD                        |
| Sunday, May 12th                             |            | Monday, May 27 <sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah Service10:00AM |
| Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan  | 9:00AM     | BAT MITZVAH: MOLLY KATZ.                                |
| Monday, May 13th                             |            | DAUGHTER OF AMY BROTMAN AND                             |
| Yom Hazikaron Program                        | 7:00PM     | MATTHEW KATZ  |
| Tuesday, May 14th                            | 0.00014    | Teen Social Action7:00PM                                |
| Men's Club Program                           | 8:30PM     | Tuesday, May 28th                                       |
| Wednesday, May 15th                          | 7.20014    | Men's Club Board Meeting8:30PM                          |
| Zayin Class Graduation                       | /:30PM     | Friday, May 31st  |
| Thursday, May 16th                           | 0.20014    | Erev Shabbat Service6:00PM                              |
| Congregation Meeting                         | 8:30PM     |   |

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.

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



# 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. Bruce Hymowitz

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 outrages may affect our ability to notify you. In that case use your discretion.

# FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn

A few years ago when Judy Alper retired, I began teaching our seventh graders about the Holocaust. Around the same time, I became more involved in planning our annual Yom HaShoah program.

Initially, I was a little reluctant to get involved. I certainly knew the history as well as anyone. Over the years, I had met and gotten to know a number of Holocaust survivors. But I still felt like I lacked an



important qualification for these roles. My family left Europe long before the Holocaust began, mostly before 1900. I had no personal or family connection to the Holocaust. With so many survivors and children of survivors in our community, who was I to teach about such an important topic?

Over the years, however, I have begun to believe that, at least in one way, I may be the perfect person after all. Our seventh graders are now fifty years younger than I am. For the most part, their parents are too young to be children of survivors. Even if they have a family connection to the Holocaust, they are two or even three generations removed. Many of our students come into class feeling no more personally connected to the Holocaust than I did. My job was to help them, and other members of our congregation and community whose families are more like mine, find meaning in the Holocaust and its legacy.

After teaching and helping create programs around the Holocaust for several years now, I believe that teaching our teens, in particular, about the Holocaust is one of the most important things I do as a rabbi. Our teens need to learn about the history of the Holocaust. They need to learn about the origins and dangers of antisemitism. But most of all, they need to hear the words of the survivors, in person if at all possible.

Why do I feel so strongly? Here are five reasons why our teens need to meet Holocaust survivors and learn about the Holocaust:

We need our teens to keep our survivors' stories alive: One of the key elements of our study of the Holocaust is hearing from survivors. We have watched numerous videos of survivors' testimony about every aspect of the Holocaust, from its beginnings to the liberation of the camps. We read much of the book *Maus*, a graphic novel in which Art Spiegelman channels his father's own memories of the Holocaust through the main character, who, like the other Jews, is portrayed as a mouse. We also heard from Zelda Polofsky about her own experiences of surviving the Holocaust. Hearing the words of the survivors makes a far more lasting impression on our students than reading articles about antisemitism or the death camps. I am hopeful that our students will carry some of the survivors' stories with them throughout their lives. In particular, I hope they will tell their children how they met Zelda, a woman whose childhood was spent hiding in barns and in the forest; a woman whose home was taken from her, who lost her mother and her sister, but came to America

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to share her story and serve the Jewish community. We cannot depend on family members alone to perpetuate the stories of the survivors. We need our teens to take up this challenge as well.

Our teens need to meet true heroes. Many brave people died during the Holocaust. As we hear stories of both those who survived and those who were murdered, we come to understand that every survivor was lucky, that every survivor could just has easily have been among the six million who were murdered. Nonetheless, the survivors are inspiring people. In addition to luck, they had to show incredible perseverance and courage. They had to find reasons to live each day when the shadow of death hung over them constantly. Even in survival, they had to make new lives for themselves, move to new countries, and deal with haunting memories. Our survivors are true heroes, one and all. In a time when so many people in the public eye are not worthy of admiration, our Holocaust survivors can serve as inspiring role models. Through our survivors, our teens and learn what true courage means. They can learn about resilience in the face of adversity. They can learn about affirming the importance of Judaism in their lives. Our Holocaust survivors are some of the best role models our teens will ever have.

Through Holocaust survivors, our teens will understand the true dangers of antisemitism. Levels of antisemitism are high in this country right now. Yet, for the most part, we continue to live comfortable lives. Antisemitic incidents are still rare enough to make headlines. Police and government officials take antisemitsm very seriously. We have not yet seen what happens when antisemitism reaches the next level, when it is everywhere and condoned by anyone who might be able to stop it. The danger is real, even if it is beyond our imagination. All we have to do is talk to Holocaust survivors, who saw their friends and neighbors turn on them, sometimes violently. Our Holocaust survivors can share with our teens their own firsthand experience of how antisemitism increased, stage by stage until it became official government policy. Our teens need to hear this testimony so that they can understand how dangerous antisemitism really is and how important it is for them to continue the fight against antisemitism in our own community and beyond.

Our teens need to hear from Holocaust survivors because time is limited. It is painful for me to contemplate the mortality of our Holocaust survivors. But we know that the youngest survivors are now in their eighties. We cannot afford to wait to have our teens hear from Holocaust survivors. To be sure, there are thousands of hours of recorded testimonies that preserve our survivors' memories for generations. But the power of meeting someone who survived the Holocaust in person cannot be understated. We need to have our teens meet actual survivors and hear their stories now, while we still have time.

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Holocaust survivors can help teach our teens not to take what they have for granted. We live in a world of abundance. We also live in a world where we are free. It is hard for our teens to imagine any other kind of life. It may be hard for many of us. Holocaust survivors enduring unbearable hardships: hunger, disease, homelessness, discrimination, violence, torture. They have an appreciation for the blessings we often take for granted. Our teens need to hear from Holocaust survivors so they can understand that everything we have, our homes, our possessions, even our freedom, can be taken from us at any time. Our teens can learn from our survivors not just gratitude for what we have, but also the importance of fighting to preserve a society where equality, understanding and democracy make all the good things we have possible. Our teens can learn from our survivors about the importance of sharing what we have with others in need and standing up for others who are targets of hatred and bigotry.

This year's Yom HaShoah commemoration highlights the efforts of two local programs Names Without Numbers and The Witness Project to bring together teens with Holocaust survivors. I hope you will join us on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to share this powerful experience.

# 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.



# A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT by STACY MEYERSON

Earlier today, Molly texted me to share some disheartening news. Apparently, last night (April 16<sup>th</sup>), the Student Association at Binghamton University voted to support the B.D.S. movement and prohibit its board from doing business with organizations and companies with ties to the Israeli government. This news came as a big shock to me and I am left grappling with a way to understand it. I mean, this is Binghamton University, with 1/3 Jewish student population and a place I always associated with being a "safe" place for Jews and Israelis alike.



After thinking about it for a while and talking to some people, I decided to try and understand the impact of this outcome more. What I realized is that the people who voted in favor of supporting this movement cannot possibly understand how difficult it would be for them to actually do this. While I know that Israel is known for innovations in both technology and medical care, I spent some time researching it a little further. I learned that the following technological and medical discoveries came out of Israel:

- Cell phones (Motorola R&D division in Israel)
- Firewall software to secure computer systems
- SanDisk USB drive
- 8088 Microprocessor
- PillCam (capsule endoscopy)
- Drip Irrigation
- Advances in solar energy
- Cherry tomato
- WAZE navigation system
- ICQ instant messaging technology
- Copxone for the treatment of multiple sclerosis
- SniffPhone which will assist in the diagnosis of certain cancers, Parkinson's disease, and Multiple Sclerosis
- ReWalk exoskeleton which assists paraplegics to walk
- The flexible stent used in coronary surgeries

While this is far from a complete list, it has become apparent to me how much of a technological and medical powerhouse Israel is for the world. It has also become apparent to me how much Israel invests in the development of its infrastructure and people and contributes to the wellbeing of people world-wide.

While doing my research, I also asked myself what I would be giving up if I decided to boycott Palestinian products. After all, what is good for the goose is good for the gander. Interestingly, I would have to stop using my explosive balloons with toys attached and my suicide vest...no big loss.

So, in conclusion, I have decided not to let this vote upset me as much as it did because... who is the real loser here? The Board of the Student Association is not even a blip on the radar of these major companies and I will find it interesting and amusing to watch them live without the products they are acting out against. That being said, I still do find it upsetting that this age group in particular, is so easily influenced by negative and false propaganda. I continue to counter this activity by speaking out and educating and empowering myself and my family as much as I can.





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# 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 Sunday night, May 5, 2024.

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.





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# Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club Honorees





Andrew Bader
Man of the Year

Noah Leibowitz, Youth of the Year

Sunday, May 19th, 2024 · Plainview Jewish Center - Plainview, NY
Festivities begin at 11:00 AM with presentation of honorees followed by luncheon
\$80 per person No cost for children under 5
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# Family Friendly Friday Night Services

Hello everyone! Our last service was on Friday, April 12th. The theme was to celebrate our Gimel and Daled students, and to celebrate our Gimel students receiving their Siddurim! Mazel tov to our Gimel students, Nathan Cheser, Allison Farbman and Joanna Rish, their teachers, Nicole Gerber and Joan Lieberman and their families! Mazel tov also to our Daled students, Maxwell Farbman, Jacob Goodman, Noah Haghighi and Harrison Saltiel, their teachers, Sonia Feiner and Brian Goldstein and their families! The service was sponsored by Rhonnie Diener, Diane Miller, the Rish family, Freda and Fred Hecker, Michal Fruchter, the Lerner family, the Farbman family and Sisterhood. It included a special pizza dinner. Thank you for your support!

Our next service is scheduled for May 2024, at a date and time to be determined. We will celebrate all of our graduates with a special cake! All are welcome! Join us!!

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 if you'd like to sponsor the service.

Any questions, please contact the committee as follows:
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# Religious School Michal Fruchter, Principal Have a Great Summer!

Special thanks to the Religious School staff for an engaging, fulfilling and productive year of learning!

Cantor Judy Merrick Rabbi Steven Conn Sharon Heller Shana Fruchter Brian Goldstein Nicole Gerber Cherie Davis Joan Lieberman

Susan Jacobs Tikva Benison

Mazal Tov to our Zayin class on their Graduation from Religious School!

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| EVI         | ENTS CALENDAR                        |     |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| O2<br>THURS | BOARD GAME NIGHT<br>@7PM             |     |
| <b>05</b>   | CINCO DE MAYO<br>CELEBRATION @3PM    |     |
| 09<br>THURS | MOTHER'S DAY<br>CARDMAKING @6:30PM   |     |
| 11<br>SAT   | EISENHOWER PARK PICN<br>@1:30PM      | 1IC |
| 14<br>TUES  | CRAFT NIGHT<br>@6:30PM               |     |
| 19<br>sun   | SPRAYPAINT WORKSHO<br>WITH DAN @12PM | )P  |
| 23<br>THURS | LAG BAOMER<br>BONFIRE @7:30PM        |     |
|             | MOUSE LONG ISLAND                    |     |



# ISRAEL PARADE

March in Solidarity with Israel

Sunday, June 2
5th Ave, NYC
www.celebrateisraelny.org

11:00 - 4:00 PM

\$20 pp round trip coach bus\*and T-shirt \$10 pp T-shirt only

Size options: Youth Medium, Adult XS, Adult S, Adult M Adult L, Adult XL, Adult XXL and Adult XXXL

\*Limited availability on buses, sign up ASAP to reserve your seat

For registration and questions contact:
Diane Miller: dmiller0622@gmail.com or at 516-972-4537
Barbara Berse: bbcbarb5@aol.com or at 516-946-2255







# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR B'NAI/B'NOT MITZVAH

# EMILY WAYNE - May 25, 2024



Emily is the daughter of Shoshanit and Josh Wayne and has a brother, Jacob and a sister, Talia. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Emily enjoys dance and spending time with her friends. Her favorite holiday is Chanukah because she likes lighting candles and exchanging presents with her family. For her Mitzvah Project, Emily is collect-

ing gently-used dance costumes to be donated to an organization that distributes them to aspiring dancers in need around the world.

# **MOLLY KATZ** - May 27, 2024



Molly is the daughter of Amy and Matthew Katz and has a brother, Ryan. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Molly enjoys soccer, volleyball, flag football, reading, history, playing on her IPAD and spending time with her friends. Her favorite holiday is Chanukah which she celebrates with her family. For her Mitzvah Project, Molly is collecting

books for *Book Faries*. The books will be donated to needy children and adults.

FOR YOUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH
THROUGH OUR YOUTH GROUP
CONTACT THE TEMPLE OFFICE: 938-8610

### SHALACH MANOT- THANK YOU!!!

As I sit down to write another thank you article, I am reflecting with admiration and pride in being a member of the *Plainview Jewish Center Sisterhood* and the **Shalach Manot** committee. This is Sisterhood's largest project and is to be recognized for its success.

I am dedicating this article to the wonderful women who have again just completed the months of preparation for the Shalach Manot Bags you have just received. Those of you who have worked with us know what this project entails. During these months our committee has multi-tasked: planning, researching for good purchases, buying, schlepping, advertising, record keeping and lastly packing our beautiful bags. This is Sisterhood's largest undertaking each year and it truly takes a 'village' to accomplish this. The end result is all the beautiful bags that we all see in the lobby on Purim and get to take home or bring to your family and friends. 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!

In giving thanks, at this time, I would like to single out the women whose hard work and dedication has been the backbone of the Shalach Manot committee. Without their help and hard work this project would not be the success it is. They are:

**First let me thank our President Barbara Berse.** Her expertise in recording all the orders, billing, bookkeeping, and making up the flyers was extraordinary.

**Marion Weisfelner** who takes care of all the advertising, organizing of all the volunteers when packing and helping with anything that has to be done.

**Sheryl Fischer** for purchasing and coordinating our beautiful bags.

**Judi Dorosin is** our College Kit Chairman. She is one who does all the preparations in making and sending the fabulous Shalach Manot treat packages to our college kids and sending to out of town loved ones as well.

We give a special thanks to these women for their dedication to this project. They shopped and schlepped -Judi Dorosin, Sheryl Fischer, Rose Weiner, Rhonnie Diener, myself and my daughter Alyssa Beitler for putting together the beautiful baskets for the Rabbi and the Cantor. They are to be applauded. **Tov, Tov, Tov, Tov for a job well done!** 

To the packers - without your help our bags would not be completed. Thank you, thank you, thank you to: Judi Dorosin, Rose Weiner, Beverly Kepke, Rhonnie Diener, Barbara Berse, Debbie Siegel, Carol Hauser, Zita Jospa, Lee Hauptman, Mara Bader, Joyce Eckstein, Merry Lewin, Marilyn Leibowitz, Beverly Moskowitz, Debbie Thaw-tetens, Mellisa Guttman, Debra Levy, Michele Haimes, Sharon Schwartz and Jeff Kammerman.

Another special thanks to our office staff **Dorit and Debbie**, for all the help and support they give to Sisterhood.

And we cannot 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 all for your continued support and another successful Shalach Manot project. *Bunny Finkelstein, Shalach Manot Committee* 

# PJC SISTERHOOD CANASTA TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND 7PM



We will play 3 rounds, each will have 3 games: 125pts, 155pts & 180pts

You will play with a partner for the whole evening against other teams.

You may sign up with a partner, please specify who, or you will be paired with one.

Rules will be reviewed before play begins.

# Reserve by May 15th

Payment of \$36 must accompany your reservation.

Please bring cards and a tray.

Light refreshments and cash prizes will make this a fun evening.

Contact: Judy Forman: 516-822-9536 or Barbara Berse 516-946-2255 for information.

# SANDWICH MAKING FOR LONG ISLAND CONNECTIONS



# MAY 19TH 9:30AM

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TO MAKE BAGGED LUNCHES
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# Sisterhood

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Please consider becoming a permanent gift donor to the Plainview Jewish Center. The following is a list of suggested Special Gift items that can be dedicated to celebrate joyous events such as engagements, weddings, births, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, birthdays, and anniversaries. Dedications can be made in the memory of loved ones or to acknowledge a special friend. **Brass inscriptions will be provided.** 

**Synagogue** 

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Torah Crown Tallit and Prayer Book Cabinet

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**Display Case** 

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Thank you, Bunny Finkelstein

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Our Plainview Jewish Center Family wishes a refuah shelaymah to:

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To our PJC members: if you would like to have a family member included in this section, please notify the temple office at: 516 938-8610 x101

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# SISTERHOOD NEWS

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Barbara Berse - Celebrating Our 70th Anniversary!

Why aren't you involved with Sisterhood? It's not necessary to be a Sisterhood Board member to be active in Sisterhood. Join a committee or help with a specific event. If you want a place in Sisterhood, we'll find one for you. Help to make Sisterhood "not your mother's Sisterhood". I need your help to accomplish this goal.

I'd like to thank Lauren Hymowitz-Stimler for an awesome hamantashen bake fundraiser. We had a large turnout and everyone had a great time. Thanks also to Stacy Meyerson, Sabrina Hymowitz, Sharyn Schwartz and Rhonnie Diener (and anyone else I may have missed) for their help with setup and cleanup.

Thank you to Cantor Judy Merrick and Robert Ian Caterers for a wonderful Women's Seder and to all the women, both Sisterhood members and guests, who attended and participated to make it so enjoyable.

While PJC is celebrating 70 years, Sisterhood was recognized by BQLI region of Women's League for 70 years, as well. At their spring conference last month held at PJC, BQLI recognized all the Sisterhoods that had been involved with Women's League for milestone years. Organizations were honored for 60, 70 and 90 plus years. One such Sisterhood has been around for over 100 years! With your help, so could we. We're still planning more exciting events for the remainder of this year and I hope to see you at them.

# PROGRAM Rose Weiner - Program Vice President

May is Israeli Showcase Month. Come and join Sisterhood at our general meeting on Tuesday evening May 7th at 7:45pm. You will learn about the formation of the State of Israel under the Presidency of Harry Truman. It should be interesting and informative. Enjoy delicious Israeli foods too!

Hope to see everyone there!

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

France has the largest Jewish population in Western Europe- between 500,000 and 600,000 Jews. One of the byproducts of the French revolution in 1789 (a true echo of the American Revolution in 1776) was the emancipation of their Jewish population, and the rights of French Jews to vote and own land. At that time, there were about 40,000 Jews living in France.

Napoleon understood the value of Jewish bankers and money-lenders not being subject to the laws and scrutiny of the Roman Catholic Church, which almost completely forbade money lending. In the early 19th century, around 1809, many Jews emigrated from Russia, and some North African and Mediterranean countries, including Spain, into France. This was because after the French Revolution, Jews were granted full citizenship and were integrated into French society. Napoleon did open the public school system where Jews were invited to attend and learn French, instead of just speaking Yiddish or other native languages. Napoleon, however, did restrict the practice of Jews lending money.

Scholars are not sure what Napoleon's intentions were and, although he granted freedoms to the Jews while in power, he may have been interested in seeing Jews assimilate via marriage and conversion. After his defeat by the coalition against France, a counter-revolution swept away some of those freedoms, especially in countries which he conquered.

Today, there are many Jews living in France in spite of the growing anti-Semitism internationally. But, this year, Jews in France will still be asking the same question the same way—"Pourquoi cette nuit est-elle distinguée des autres nuits" or why is this night different than other nights?

Hope you all had a Joyeuse Fête de Pâque (Happy Passover)—Michele

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### **TORAH FUND - Rose Weiner, Torah Fund Coordinator**

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# MEN'S CLUB by Stuart Haimes

Spring has sprung, the flowers are in bloom and we are all turning our thoughts to summertime fun. But, before we get too far ahead of ourselves, we still have some end of season activities at the Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club.

I hope you had an enjoyable Passover holiday. For the 3rd year in a row I attended the community seder on the 2nd night of Passover



at the Plainview Jeiwsh Center. It was wonderful! Yasher koach to Rabbi Conn and Cantor Merrick for leading a beautiful seder. Every table was set with all the accouterments of a traditional seder table. The meal was provided by our temple caterer, Rob Steinberg and the food was delicious. If you have a vacancy on your seder calendar next year, I highly recommend attending the seder at PJC.

As you have undoubtedly heard, seen or otherwise noticed, our Men's Club has selected Andrew Bader as our Man of the Year at the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Andy is representing Plainview Jewish Center among 12 other Men's Clubs in the New York Metropolitan Region. A luncheon and awards ceremony honoring the Men and Youths of the year will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 AM right here at Plainview Jewish Center. I encourage you to purchase a journal ad in honor of Andy. Journal ads and brunch reservations may be purchased at www.newyorkmetrofjmc.org.

I want to thank Jeff Reis for setting a very enjoyable and enlightening program on April 9th. Our guest speaker for the evening, Mark Schleisner, detailed his father Joseph's, escape from Germany in 1941, and his mother, Lori, who spent WWII as a hidden child in Belgium. They both lost multiple family members in the German death camps. In 2000, Mark obtained restitution for Lori from the French government for having deported her father to Auschwitz in 1943. Since then, Mark helped over a dozen other people obtain similar restitution from both the French government and France's national railroad (which transported Jews to the camps). Thank you, Jeff for organizing the event.

As we look ahead to June, and the final Men's Club program of the year, we are gearing up for our end of year dinner and member appreciation night on Tuesday, June 11th. Who will be our Man of the Year and who will have the Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed upon him.

As we go about our busy, daily lives, let's try to take a moment remember and think of the hostages still being held by Hamas. Say a prayer for them and the IDF soldiers fighting to rescue them and fighting to protect Israel from evil.

In brotherhood, Stuart P. Haimes, PJC Men's Club President



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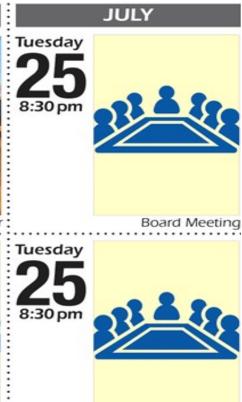
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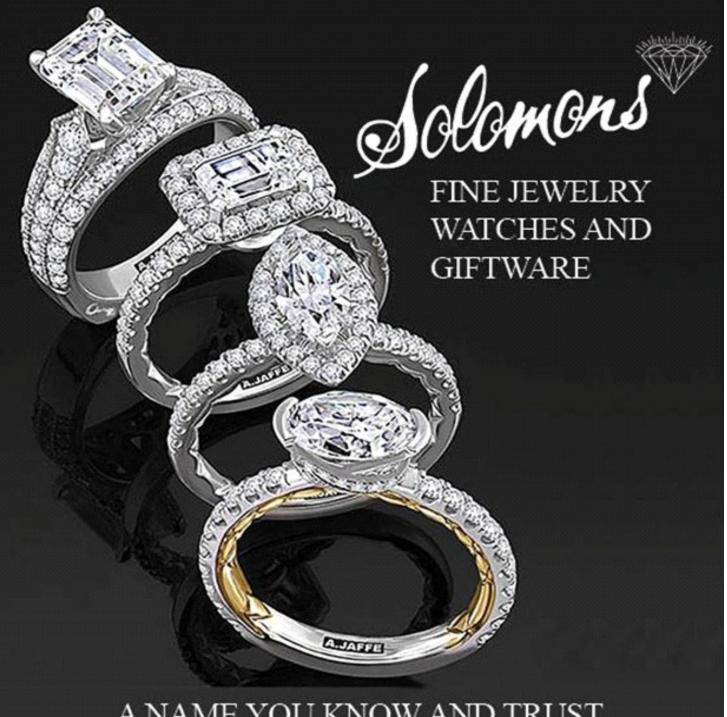
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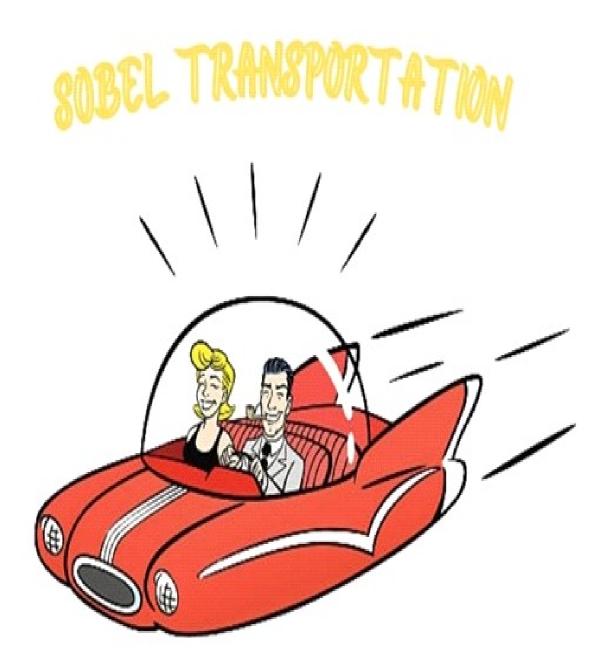
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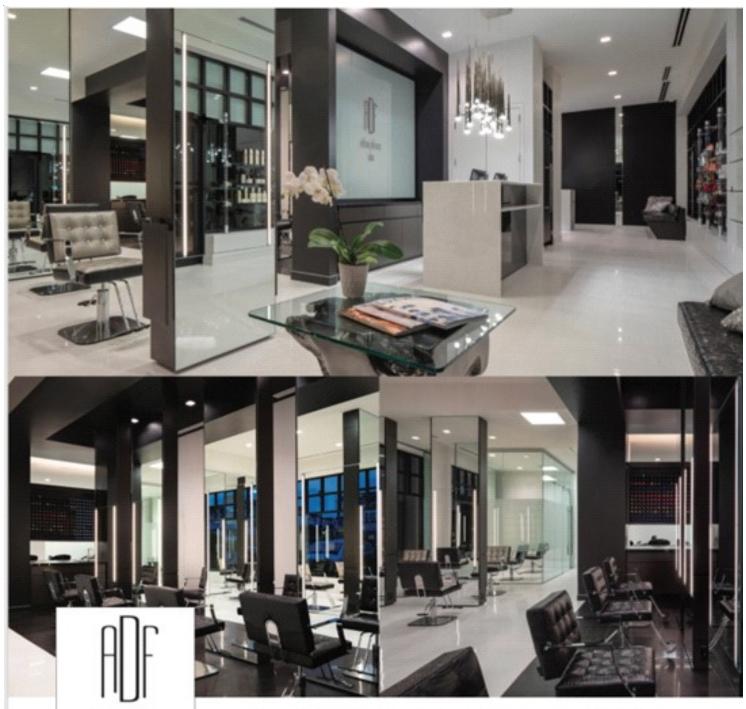
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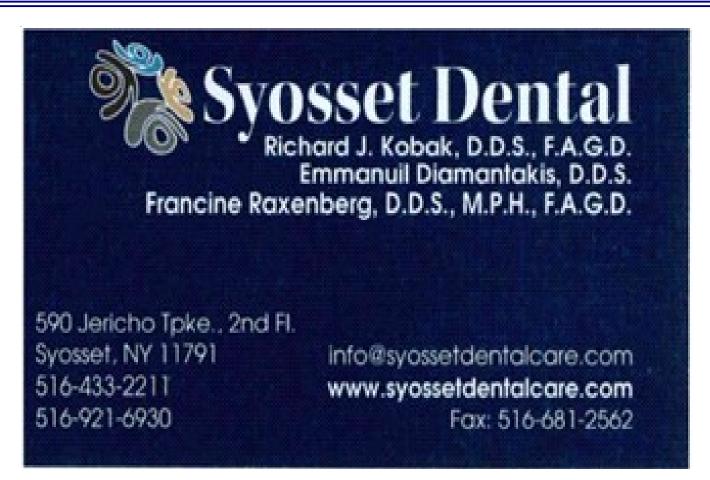
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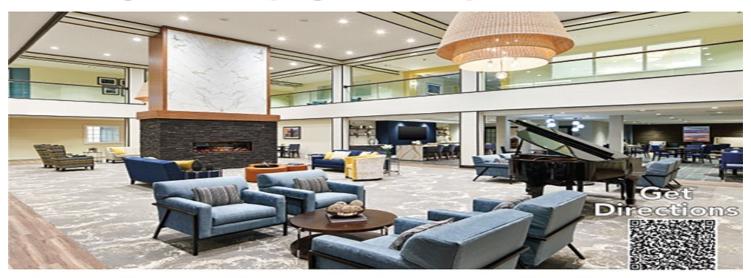


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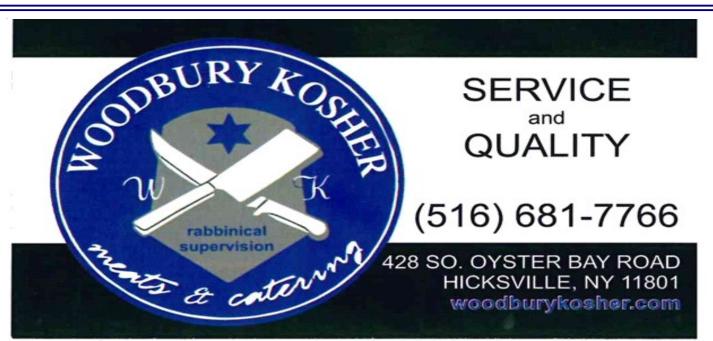


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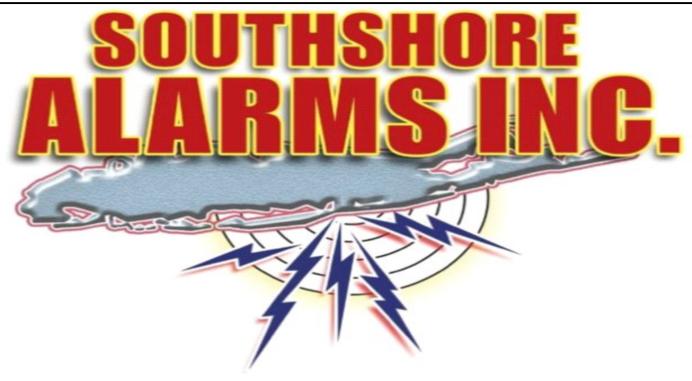
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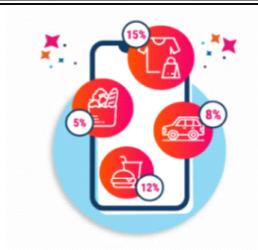


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In our community, the Rabbi provide pastoral support to individuals and families who are suffering illness and those who need emotional support. The Rabbi also serves as the liaison to our newly formed Bikur Cholim Committee; which provides additional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

Rabbi Conn can be reached by cell at (516) 524-7447 or by email at rabbiconn@plainviewjewishcenter.org.

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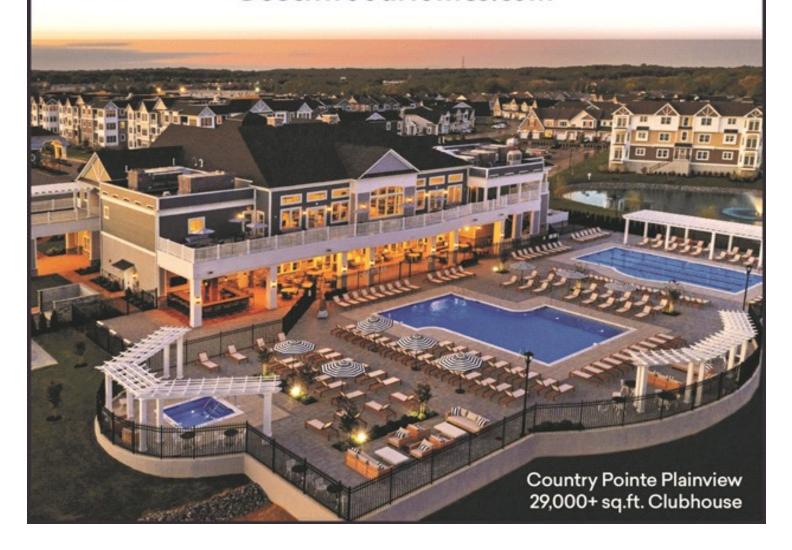
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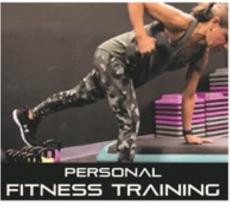


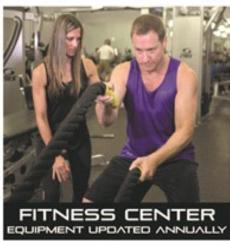
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