PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER



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Please get your reservations and well wishes in to honor

Dorene and Alan Greenberg,
this year's Plainview Jewish Center honorees!

Sunday, June 8 at 4:00PM



Sisterhood Meeting

TUESDAY JUNE 10TH 7:45PM MUSICAL BINGO

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HAMAKOM YINACHEM

Debbie Berman on the passing of her mother-in-law, Carol Berman.

MAZEL TOV

Dorit & David Mass on the marriage of their son, Jonathan Zachary, to Allison Danielle Cohen, daughter of Carrie & Stephen Cohen.

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 Services -		

WE'RE ON THE WEB

JUNE 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

Sunday, June 1st		Saturday, June 14th
Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan9	9:00AM	Shacharit Service9:00AM
FJMC Honoree Program11	1:00AM	Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah8:30PM
Shavuot Program & Dinner6	6:45PM	Sunday, June 15th
Monday, June 2 nd		Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan9:00AM
Shavuot Morning Service – Day 1	9:00AM	<u>Tuesday, June 17th</u>
Shavuot Evening Service – Day 2		Sisterhood Board eeting7:30PM
Tuesday, June 3 rd		<u>Thursday, June 19th</u>
Yizkor Only Service	7:30AM	Ritual Committee Meeting8:30PM
Shavuot Morning Service & Yizkor - Day 2	9:00AM	Friday, June 20th
Thursday, June 5th		Erev Shabbat Service6:00PM
Board of Trustees Meeting	8:30PM	Saturday, June 21st
Friday, June 6th		Shacharit Service9:00AM
Erev Shabbat Service	.6:00PM	Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah8:30PM
Saturday, June 7 th		Sunday, June 22 nd
Shacharit Service/Graduation Shabbat	.9:00AM	Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan9:00AM
Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah	.8:30PM	Sandwich Making9:30AM
Sunday, June 8th		Monday, June 23 rd
Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan	.9:00AM	Calendar Meeting7:00PM
Journal Dinner Dance		<u>Tuesday, June 24th</u>
Tuesday, June 10 th		Men's Club Board Meeting8:30PM
Men's Club Member Appreciation Night	.7:30PM	<u>Thursday, June 26th</u>
Sisterhood Program		Congregation Meeting8:30PM
Wednesday, June 11th		Friday, June 27th
Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Conn	11:00AM	Erev Shabbat Service6:00PM
Thursday, June 12 th		Saturday, June 28th
Woman of Achievement Gala	5:45PM	Shacharit Service9:00AM
Friday, June 13 th		Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah8:30PM
Erev Shabbat Service.	.6:00PM	Sunday, June 29th
		Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan9:00AM

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 Father's Day!!

ORBIT

The Officers and Trustees of **Plainview Jewish Center**request the pleasure of your presence

at the

Journal Dinner

Honoring

Dorene and Han Greenberg

Sunday Afternoon ~ The Eighth of June Two Thousand and Twenty-five At Four o'Clock Dress: Business Casual

Couvert \$118 per person

RSVP to the Temple Office ~ 516-938-8610 by May 30, 2025

Stacy Meyerson

President

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FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn

Our synagogue has been around for seventy-two years. I have been at Plainview Jewish Center for sixteen of those years. Each year that I have been at PJC has unfolded according to a predictable pattern; a pattern that was established long before I came to our congregation.



In July, we send out notices to all of our members reminding everyone to renew for the coming year. At the same time, we start to gear up for the High Holidays and Religious School. Our building, which has been quiet throughout the summer, bursts with activity as the school year and the holiday season begin. Once the holidays conclude, we usually have a rush of celebrations and programs that usually takes us all the way through Hanukkah. After a break for the secular New Year, we liven up the winter with Men's Club Sisterhood Shabbat, our Patio Players Show and Sisterhood's preparations for our Mishloach Manot baskets. Before we know it, we are celebrating the Spring Holidays, rocking the building on Purim, gathering for our community seders and holding our annual Yom HaShoah commemoration. From there the year rushes to a conclusion with the end of Religious School, Shavuot, celebrations for our Man of the Year, Youth of the Year and Woman of Achievement and, of course, our Journal Dinner. We cap the year off with congregation meetings to approve the budget and next year's slate of officers. Then we are on to the calendar meeting to plan programs and events for a brand new year.

Looking back on the calendar of events for this past year, we might say that 2024-25 (or 5785 if you prefer) was like any other year: same programs, same events. Yet, in many ways, this past year was very different from any other year in the history of PJC.

This year, we finally, decisively emerged from the pandemic. This "return to normal" brought more of us back to PJC for services and events. We had our largest in-person attendance for the High Holidays since 2019. It was great to see so many people together again in our sanctuary. While we continued livestreaming many of our events, we saw a consistent uptick in in-person attendance throughout the year. We went forward with confidence that the new programs we introduced, like the "Opening the Dor" events that brought teens and seniors together to learn from each other and our "PJC Cooks the Holidays" series, would be well attended. And they were. Day to day, it seemed like things were indeed "back to normal" at PJC.

At the same time, Plainview Jewish Center in 2025 is very different from Plainview Jewish Center in 2019. Our membership is smaller. Our religious school is smaller. We do not have as many Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Some of our minyans are

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still livestream only. And it's not just PJC. The same can be said about most non-Orthodox synagogues on Long Island.

The pandemic years changed our synagogue in some significant ways. We are more secure than we have ever been, with lots of new equipment and a dedicated group of security guards that keeps us safe. We are more accessible than ever. Those who cannot be with us in person can still experience our services and programs and even interact with other attendees. But our community is changing. And Jewish families are changing. There are not as many Jews—especially young Jews—in our neighborhood as there used to be. And these young Jews are less likely to join synagogues than their parents or grandparents were. In the past, we could always count on a stream of new members every fall. There would be a critical mass for almost any program we might want to run. Now, we have to work much harder to make sure that we are vital and vibrant congregation. We have to work much harder to bring people through our doors. Once upon a time, the value of being part of a synagogue community was self-evident. Now we have to make the case to our members and to the community each and every day. We have to adapt, we have to adjust and we have to persevere.

I am very proud of the work that we, as a congregation, have done this year. We continue to maintain a busy schedule of diverse programs and services. Participation from our members and our community is strong. We have taken a leadership role in Israel programming since the October 7th terror attacks. We have provided invaluable support to our members and the community at large in times of need. With every new, innovative program, we enrich Jewish life in Plainview-Old Bethpage and beyond. Plainview Jewish Center plays a vital role in the Jewish community and in the community at large. Our impact far surpasses expectations for a congregation our size.

Above all, this year, we have taken steps to ensure that we will continue to be a vibrant presence in our community in the future. For the first time in decades, we have embarked on a major fund-raising project. The project is still in its early stages. We will be sharing much more about this exciting effort soon. What I can say is that the early returns are promising. We already know that we have some strong supporters who are really passionate about our synagogue. I have been very gratified to hear what a difference PJC has made for them. I am looking forward to broadening this project to engage our entire congregation. We need everyone's help to make sure that Plainview Jewish Center can stay strong in this new reality that we live in. I know that, if we work together, we can usher in a new era for Plainview Jewish Center, a time when can not only take pride in the active, warm and dynamic congregation we have always been, but also take pride in knowing that we have created a solid foundation for Plainview Jewish Center to continue to be an active, warm and dynamic congregation for many years to come.

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.

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.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT by STACY MEYERSON

Dear Friends,

As I contemplated what to write for my final Orbit article as President, I was overcome with feelings of warmth and acceptance. I still remember when Shea called me about 13-years ago and invited



me to first join the Board. I was so overwhelmed with pride. I remember calling my mom after Shea and I hung up so excited that I was asked to join the Board. Silly me, some might say, and to be honest, I do look back and laugh. Maybe I was a little overzealous, but I still feel that same sense of pride and responsibility today.

When I decided to join the executive board and start the journey to the presidency, many joked with me about the burdens of being president (and there definitely were some), but overall, I found the years leading up to my presidency and, specifically the past two years to be rewarding in so many ways. I never felt the need to count down the number of Shabbat services or the number of Board meetings left in my presidency. I was happy to serve the community that I love.

One of the rewards I got from my presidency was really getting to know so many people so much better than I had known them before my presidency. I treasure the relationships I have with every one of you and appreciate your commitment to the synagogue, to Judaism and to Israel. We may not talk every day, or text little snippets throughout the week, but we are a community. When the cards are down, we stand together, we support each other, and we stand strong. I love being a member of this community.

Second, I got to witness the impact PJC has had on my family, specifically my daughter, Molly. Having the opportunity to lead in the Jewish community and set an example for Molly, a graduate of PJC's religious school, made such an impact on so many people through her that I will never even know. Molly has, herself, grown to be a leader of her UCONN Jewish community and I am forever grateful to the PJC community for allowing me to set that example.

Third, I got to learn so much more than I already knew about ritual. I always find it interesting to know why things are done in a certain way and attending Saturday morning services on a regular basis and attending ritual meetings exposed me to a lot more to know and appreciate. (I know every outgoing president says this, but I do plan to continue to attend Saturday morning services when able; although, I am happy to pass the weekly joke to Shea!)

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Fourth, I learned what a heavy lift it is to keep a synagogue such as ours going. For those of us not familiar with the ins and outs of the synagogue operations, it takes a lot. Our clergy, staff, and lay leaders work very hard to keep us moving forward and have done a great job at keeping us "in the game."

One last reward that I got from sitting on the Board and being president over these past two years is that I gained a deeper knowledge of world-wide issues for the Jewish people. I paid more attention to happenings locally and internationally and always tried to see how these issues would impact the PJC community and the Jewish people. In my position, I have also been forced to reevaluate my positions on certain issues and do a lot of self-reflection. While this is an on-going process and does not end with my presidency, I did get a lot of insight over the past years.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for making my experience as President of PJC a rewarding one. I would like to also thank my husband, Andy, for his never-ending support in allowing me to make an impact and my daughter, Molly for always tagging along and following in mommy's footsteps. Know that I am not going anywhere and will still be around to support the synagogue and grow our friendships. For now, b'shalom. **Stacy**

from the editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my co-editor, Michele Haimes, for all her support, work and positive attitude. You are a pleasure to work with. I would also like to thank Marion Weisfelner for amassing and reviewing the Sisterhood articles and Merry Lewin for providing the Men's Club information and always being willing to help with the graphics. Thank you to Joyce Eckstein for providing the beautiful artwork for our cover. Dorit Mass never fails to supply accurate information every month about all the temple activities. My husband Marc is always there to provide emergency editing. Thank you so much.

Lastly, thank you to all the contributors. People don't realize how difficult it is to write a new, interesting article every month.

See you in September, Margie Richter



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

Family Friendly Friday Night Services

Hello everyone! There will not be a FFFNS in June.

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.

Any questions, please contact the committee as follows:

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS

41st ANNUAL HONOREE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club Honorees



Mark Hochberg Man of the Year





Jacob Wayne Mia Bernstein



Youth of the Year

Andrew Guttman

Sunday, June 1, 2025 · Plainview Jewish Center - Plainview, NY Festivities begin at 11:00 AM with presentation of honorees followed by luncheon \$90 per person No cost for children under 5 Donations are tax deductible in accordance with the law.

Support our honorees with an ad in the NY Metro Journal. Ad forms are available online at

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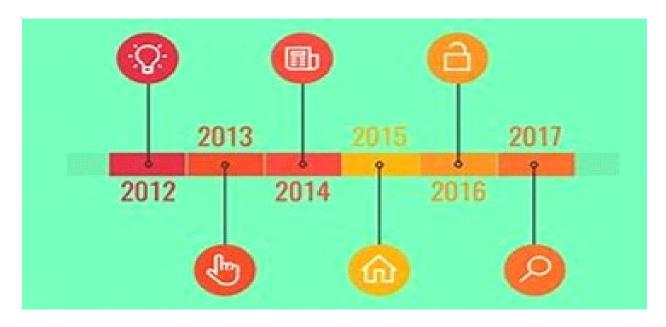


Moishe Houses and Moishe Pods are groups of Jewish young adults who live together and host programs for their community. Moishe Houses (locations with 3, 4, or 5 residents) and Moishe Pods (locations with 2 residents) exist to build community. Connect with your community and discover why so many call Moishe House home. For More Information go to moishehouse.org.

MOISHE HOUSE LONG ISLAND is what being Jewish in your 20s is all about. It's a space where young Jewish professionals can come together and connect through all kinds of events. The programs, such as Shabbat dinners, movie nights, projects to help the community, etc, are free of charge to attend!

Follow on Instagram for activities: https://www.instagram.com/moishehouselongisland/

The memorial plaques
in our temple sanctuary
help us to remember our loved ones
who are no longer with us.
For questions or information,
contact the temple office: 516-938-8610

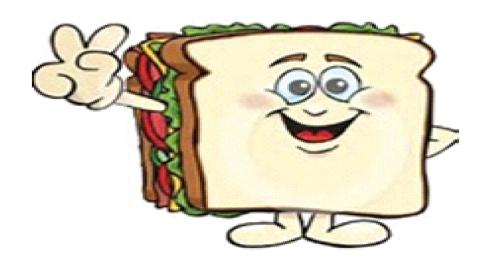


Be a part of PJC History and sponsor a "Personal Event" on our 70-year timeline.

Send in your name and phone number to the PJC office with a check for \$18 payable to Plainview Jewish Center. Include the event date (month/day/year) and type of event (birth, Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, wedding, other)

For more information contact Shea Lerner at 516-840-5464.

SANDWICH MAKING FOR LONG ISLAND CONNECTIONS



JUNE 22ND - 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. for donating bananas

for our monthly sandwich making event that supports Long Island Connections!



This organization was featured on CNN on Memorial Day

ABOUT OPERATION BENJAMIN

A mistake finally corrected after more than 80 years

It is said that participating in a Jewish burial is the greatest of mitzvot (good deeds), as it is a favor that can never, ever be repaid. Operation Benjamin is an extension of this mitzvah, and is a labor of purest love, devotion and respect.

Operation Benjamin is devoted to preserving the memories of American-Jewish soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending the cause of freedom during World War II. Its aim is to locate Jewish personnel at American military cemeteries all over the world who, for various reasons, were buried under markers incorrectly representing their religion and heritage. The mission is to correct these mistakes and provide, these many decades later, comfort to the families of the fallen. They work quietly and with dignity, without any cost to the families involved.

The project is named for Private Benjamin Garadetsky, a Jewish soldier mistakenly buried under a Latin Cross at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. Private Garadetsky's case was the first for which this team's efforts led to a successful marker change. Private Garadetsky's grave was finally marked with a Star of David at an emotional ceremony at Normandy in the summer of 2018.

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All cases thus far have involved Jewish servicemen whose burials are marked with Latin crosses. We have every reason to believe that these errors were made inadvertently. Many soldiers who fought in WWII had a "P" or "C" (Protestant or Catholic) on their dog tags to protect themselves if captured by the Germans. Through the fog of war and tragedy, it was found that paperwork was ignored, mistakes were made or families were otherwise unable to communicate their marker preferences to the government. In cases where these errors became known to surviving relatives, effecting change proved very difficult for already distraught families dealing with massive bureaucracies in times of national emergency.

Regardless of how these mismarkings came into being, this organization views it as a sacred honor to help set the record straight. They have developed an excellent working relationship with the *American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)*, the U.S. government agency that serves as the "pre-eminent guardian of America's overseas commemorative cemeteries and memorials." They work closely with their partners at the ABMC to craft and submit the petitions, expedite grave marker change requests and coordinate with families to see the change through to the end.

This past Memorial Day, an error was corrected. Ben Zion Bernstein who died on December 3, 1943 in Italy was buried at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy. His family knew he was a war hero but did not know he had been buried under a Latin cross more than 80 years before. A historian named Shalom Lamm, who works with Operation Benjamin, contacted them.

"I think we need to look back and think America did a great job getting this right, but they naturally missed some, and our job is to come back after all these decades and find those guys and bring this home and do the right thing," Lamm said. Once Lamm has identified a service member who has been buried under the wrong religious symbol, he sets out doing the research to find proof of the error and the service member's closest living relatives. The only way to change a headstorne in a military cemetery is with the approval of the service member's family.

Several of Bernstein's nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews traveled to Italy to participate in a ceremony to honor him and replace the cross with a Star of David to represent his Jewish faith.

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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.

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

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)

See you in September!!!



Led by Michal Fruchter with Shana Fruchter on keyboard

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

PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER

Sisterhood

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Synagogue

Bimah
Torah
New Torah
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Megilah

Pulpit Chairs Kiddush Cup

Havdalah Service Items

Pew Seats

Torah Reader's Yad Bimah Wall Candelabra

Flags on Bimah Memorial Boards Challah Cover Mezuzahs

Lobby/Main Corridor

Presidents Plaque
Tree of Life Leaf (leaves)
Trophy Display Case
Tallit and Prayer Book Cabinet
Bulletin Board
Art Work

Religious School

Classroom
Wall Artifacts
Library
New Computer
Smart Board
Display Case

For further information, please contact: Steve Glasser at:

516-660-0161 or

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REFUAH SHELAYMAH

Our Plainview Jewish Center Family wishes a refuah shelaymah to:

Michele Brickman Doris Cooper Howard Dworkin Bunny Finkelstein Marian Hershkowitz Andy & Stacy Meyerson

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

Shiva Set Up

A very special service that Sisterhood extends to our congregation is a shiva set-up for those who have, unfortunately, had a loss.

If you need this service, call the temple office to request the set-up. Dorit will contact us and we will discuss the different options with you.

A donation to Sisterhood to defray the cost of the set-up would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone is interested in helping with the shiva set-ups, please call the office and leave your name and number.

Thank you, Bunny Finkelstein

SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Barbara Berse

As I complete my third year as Sisterhood President, I look forward to continuing with my fourth year. I would like to thank my board members and non-board members who helped me to continue to grow in the position, a position I originally didn't want but am very glad I decided to accept. I am grateful to the entire



Sisterhood Board and some non-board members who have been a great help this year and I would like to give my personal thanks to each one of you.

Bunny Finkelstein, Executive VP, for keeping our meetings running smoothly, leading the Shalach Manot Committee and continuing its success, making sure all our flyers are correct and especially giving me guidance when I needed it.

Mara Bader, Membership VP, for keeping track of all our members and helping with the Paid-Up Membership Brunch, which for the first time was held jointly with Men's Club.

Michele Brickman, Education VP, for your inspiring articles, coordinating the Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat and planning the trip to the Anne Frank exhibit.

Rose Weiner, Programming VP and Torah Fund Co-Chair for providing us with many entertaining and informational programs including our Women's Seder, for sending out Torah Fund cards, also for co-running our Mahjongg Tournaments.

Rhonnie Diener, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, for taking our minutes and keeping our Sisterhood-only members informed of all Sisterhood and PJC goings-on, for co-running our Mahjongg Tournaments and helping to plan a wonderful Paid-Up membership brunch.

Judy Forman, Financial Secretary and Acting Treasurer, for depositing our checks, paying our bills and keeping our records. I greatly appreciate your taking on the additional responsibilities of acting treasurer. Thanks also for running our very successful Canasta tournaments.

I'd also like to thank the rest of the Sisterhood board who worked to keep our Sisterhood running smoothly and for all your ideas and input.

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Judi Dorosin, for chairing the Sisterhood Book Club and coordinating and sending out the Purim College Kits.

Debbie Siegel, for being our JNF Chairman.

Marion Weisfelner, for editing our Orbit articles and making sure that they are submitted on time.

Zita Jospa, for all your hard work and always being available to lend a hand.

Michele Haimes, for running our Judaica Shop and setting up to sell our Judaica merchandise at various events.

Debbie Thaw-Tetens, for helping to provide refreshments at our meetings and obtaining many awesome prizes for our raffles.

Carol Hauser, for running "Cookie in the Sukkie" and always being willing to lend a hand.

Special thanks to Freddie, Tulia, Dorit and Debbie who helped us in so many ways.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who came to our meetings and activities and supported Sisterhood by participating in our fundraising events. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall when I continue for yet another year as president with a board that includes some new members. *President Barbara Berse*

PROGRAM Rose Weiner - Program Vice President

I cannot believe the Sisterhood year is coming to an end. We had some interesting, informative and entertaining programs this past year. Our last general meeting will be held on Tuesday June 10th. Come and play Musical Bingo while listening to a variety of songs. Prizes will be awarded. Snack and shmooze with friends at 7:45pm and then enjoy the program.

As the year comes to a close I want to thank Rhonnie Diener for all her help in arranging the programs each month. Thank you to Debbie Thaw-Tetens for buying and setting up the refreshments at each meeting. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT - Bunny Finkelstein

This Sisterhood year is coming to a close and I would like to thank the following wonderful women for "Doing a Terrific Job" and for their continued dedication to Sisterhood:

Marion Weisfelner: Candlelite Editor for Orbit

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Rose Weiner: Torah Fund Coordinator Michele Haimes: Judaica Shop Chairman Melissa Gutman: Book of Life Chairman.

In addition, I wish to again thank the leaders of the Shalach Manot Committee. This was a wonderful year. Thank you to Barbara Berse, Marion Weisfelner, Judi Dorosin, Rose Weiner, Rhonnie Diener, Mara Bader, Debbie Siegel and my daughter Alyssa Beitler. Thanks also to the many helpers who came down to help put the bags together. You were great!

My thanks also to the office staff Dorit and Debbie and the custodians Freddie and Tulia. Their help throughout the year is priceless.

My thanks also goes to our President Barbara Berse, the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees for all the support you give Sisterhood.

And lastly, to our members. I thank you for your continuous support of Sisterhood and the Plainview Jewish Center.

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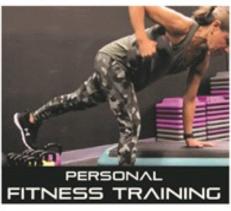


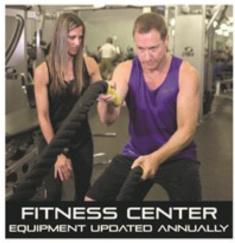
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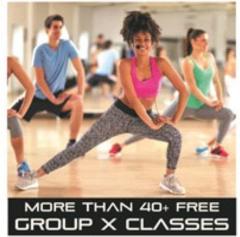
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In the blink of an eye two years have come and gone. Being your President over the last two years has been an honor. It was my honor to work with a fabulous team of leaders and menches. I want to thank my incredible executive board:

Seth Pollack, 1st Vice President. Seth, we threw you to the wolves 2 years ago after a vacancy was unexpectedly created. You grabbed the gavel and ran with it. You kept our monthly meetings running smoothly and you were there at every turn to make sure all events ran just as smoothly.

David Dender, 2nd Vice President. You graciously accepted my offer to be my 3rd VP and just as quickly jumped into the position of 2nd Vice President two years before your time. Thank you for your undying support and your valuable service.

Jeff Kammerman, what can I say. You filled a void when the office of 3rd Vice President became vacant. Your input and leadership is appreciated and I value your friendship.

To our Secretary, Gary Stolack. Having never served on our board, you accepted a leadership position and did a fabulous job as our Recording Secretary. You also took over the task, along with your wife Adria and your sons, to make sure our annual Chanukah toy raffle was more successful than ever. Thank you so much.

I want to thank Bruce Elowsky for doing a terrific job maintaining our treasury and working with Michael Prospect, our Financial Secretary to insure that the Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club's finances were properly accounted for.

Thank you, Stewart Wasserman for serving the last two years as our Sargent At Arms. Thanks for keeping our unruly bunch in line at all our meetings and events.

A special thank you to our two immediate past Presidents, Andrew Bader and Steven Adelman. Thanks for your guidance and support during my term as President.

Two years ago I created a new position. Although it's not an elected one, rather an appointed one, I want to thank Roy Grabois for serving as our Corresponding Secretary. Roy's job is to send out the monthly meeting reminders, maintain the club's email list making sure it's in sync with the membership list and sending out other correspondence as needed.

Over the past two years we ran many successful events and programs. We

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successfully completed 2 Super Bowl grids, thanks to the perseverance of Dave Dender. We ran one of the most successful Meet the Candidates Nights ever with Fred Skolnik at the helm.

Our Steak and Single Malt Scotch program is a huge success under the guidance of Brian Bank. In fact, all of our catered events were successfully achieved with the help of Shea Lerner interfacing with the temple caterer.

Our sporting fundraisers such as the NFL 33 club and March Madness were hugely successful under the leadership of Steven Adelman.

We had a fantastic Chanukah party, a moderately successful Texas Holdem Tournament, very well attended Movie Night and with the help of Stephen Taub a phenomenal ice cream party as part of the synagogues Purim celebration. Thank you to all who participated in these events making sure they ran smoothly and would be well remembered.

Most recently under the guidance of Steve Adelman and Robert Cohen (I may have played a small part in its success as well), we had what many consider to be the best show the Men's Club has ever produced. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was an amazing success and tons of fun! Thank you Alan Furman, Andrew Bader and Rabbi Conn for jumping in almost at the last minute, as our 3 hairy Ishmaelites. Job well done!

A special thank you goes to David Kubrick who just a few short years ago, took over our yellow candle program after almost 100 years being chaired by Tom Atlas. David has made it his own and has innovated new procedures, streamlining the process of mailing the candles.

When I was contemplating my term as President, one of my goals was to, after many years, resume collecting our advertising fees for the ads that run in Hakol. Craig Cheser stepped up and in his first few months has recovered almost 2 full years of arrears. Great job, Craig!

Thank you Jeff Kaden and Steven Adelman for another successful Walk for a Cause. As a result of their hard work, we were able to keep the sandwich making program going for another year.

Thanks to all who did their bagel duty on those early Sunday mornings. Through your efforts, our Sunday morning minyaneers were able to enjoy a hearty breakfast.

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Like any other organization, we need to monitor our financial expectations both incoming and outgoing. In order to do this, we need an accurate audit of our accounts and a budget that works. I want to thank Michael Chad for his diligent efforts preparing our audit and budget.

Our Parliamentarian, Mark Hochberg was always on hand to make sure we didn't commit any constitutional crimes. Thank you, Mark.

Although not an official member of Men's Club, Merry Lewin has done a terrific job publishing Hakol. Every month Merry has to deal with late arriving material often pushing the release of Hakol to the very last minute. What Merry does is truly a labor of love and I for one, want to make clear exactly how much we appreciate her. Merry, you have my undying gratitude and heartfelt thanks. Yasher Koach!

As my term as President comes to close, I know that the next executive board is ready to carry the torch and take Men's Club to the next level. I know that Seth and his team will be enormously successful leading Men's Club over the next two years. Andy Bader, Steve Adelman and I as Past Presidents will be there to support them every step of the way.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you at our welcome back BBQ in September right after Labor Day. I will see you at the Plainview pool, maybe TOBAY beach and definitely at one or two Town of Oyster Bay concerts in the park.

Your friend and President, Stuart P. Haimes 516-319-9099



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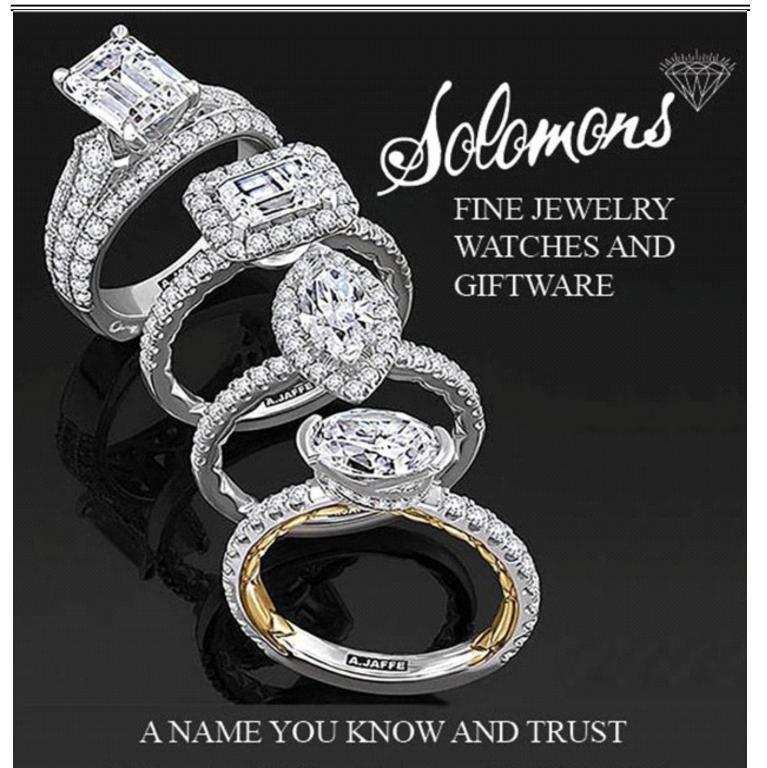
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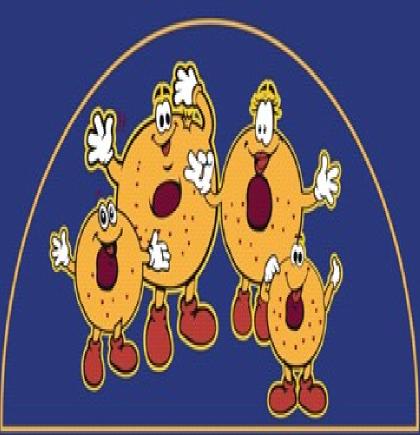
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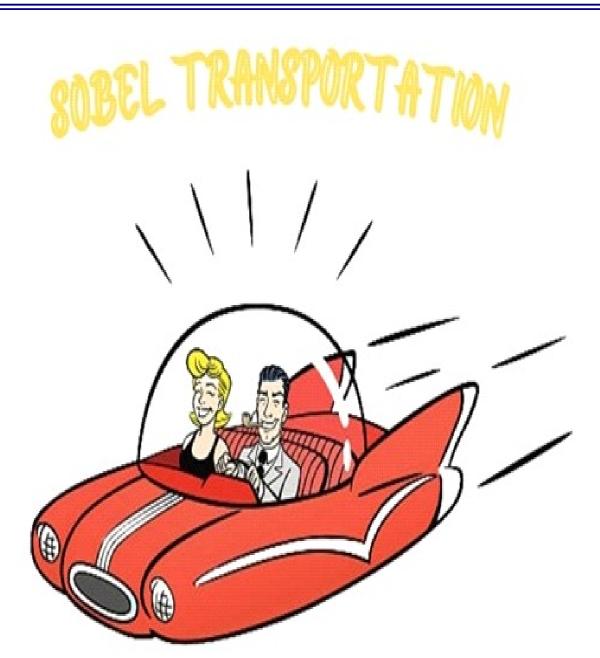
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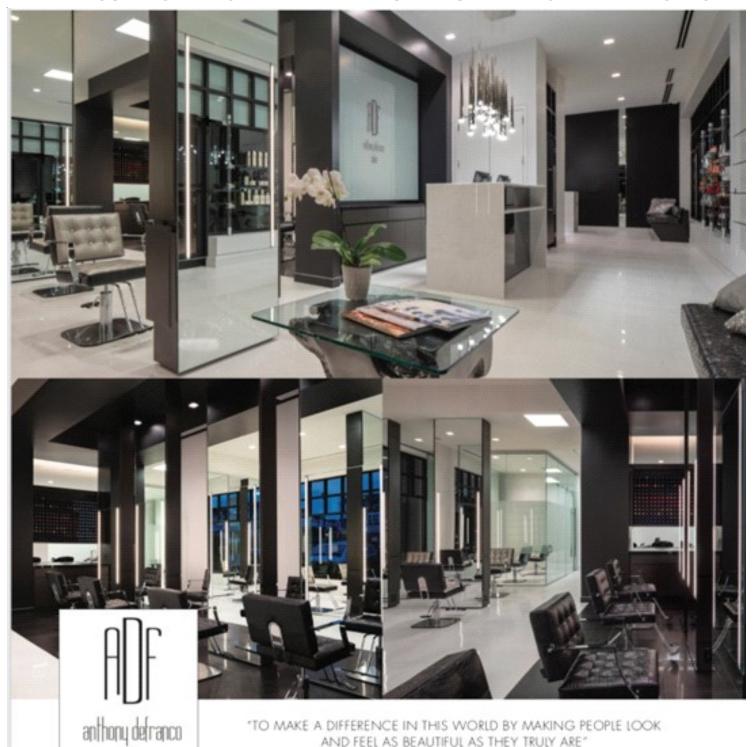
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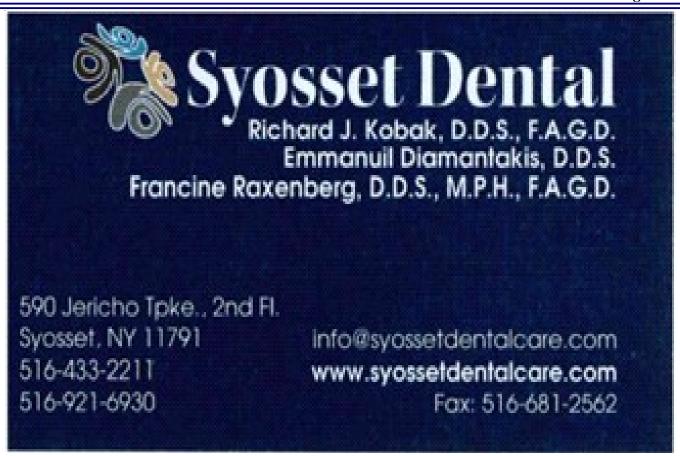
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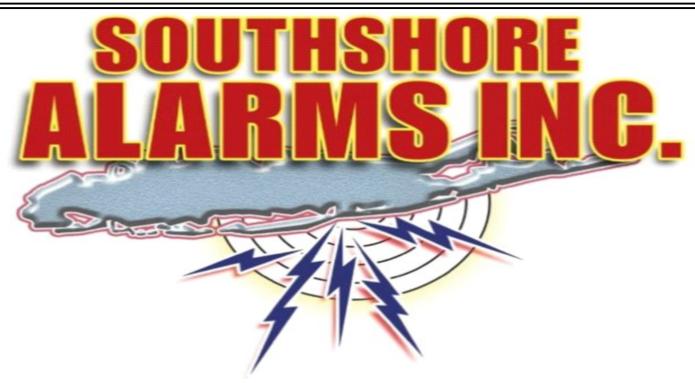
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