



**5786**



***Sisterhood Meeting***

***TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND***

***7:45PM***

***COOKING DEMONSTRATION***

***KASHA VARNISHKES!***

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### Marc Richter on the passing of his mother, Rita Richter.

**Karin and Steven Factor on the birth of Ari Ryan Factor, son of Morgane and Oren Factor,**

**Randi & Barry Goldberg on the marriage of their son, Zachary to Carly Fitterman, daughter of Janet Fitterman and Dr. Glen Fitterman.**

**Sandra Ezersky on the marriage of her grandson, Evan Tirsun, son of Robin Zvi & Alan Tirsun to Danielle Levy, daughter of Eileen Wain & Russell Levy.**

**Anita & Jeffrey Reis on the marriage of their son, Joshua, to Alexa Weiss, daughter of Debbie & Hal Weiss.**

**Marilyn & Marty Leibowitz on the birth of their great granddaughter, Chaya Rifka, daughter of Avraham and Elisheva Gross, and granddaughter of Sharon and Barry Gross.**

**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.

DEADLINE - FOR- ISSUE DATE  
SEPT. 1ST

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## SEPTEMBER 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

### Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sisterhood Program.....7:45PM

### Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service .....9:00AM

Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah.....7:45PM

### Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten

Morning Minyan.....9:00AM

### Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Welcome Back BBQ.....7:30PM

### Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

9-11 Commemoration at St. Pius X.....7:00PM

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

### Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service .....9:00AM

Selichot/Installation of Officers.....7:00PM

### Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten

Morning Minyan.....9:00AM

Sandwich Making.....9:30AM

Pre-Planning for the Future Breakfast.....10:30AM

Teen Social Action Check Presentation.....11:30AM

### Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service .....9:00AM

Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah.....7:00PM

### Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten

Morning Minyan.....9:00AM

### Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rosh Hashanah Evening Service.....6:30PM

### Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service – Day 1.....9:00AM

RH Young Family Service.....9:30AM

RH Family Service.....10:30AM

Rosh Hashanah Evening Service.....6:30PM

### Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service – Day 2.....9:00AM

RH Young Family Service.....9:30AM

RH Family Service.....10:30AM

Rosh Hashanah Mincha/Ma'ariv.....6:30PM

### Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah.....6:45PM

### Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten

Morning Minyan.....9:00AM

Tashlich.....12:00PM

### Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

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

**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.**

***The Officers & Board of Trustees  
wish to take this opportunity  
to wish all our congregants  
a healthy, happy and sweet New Year!***

**FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn**

Believe it or not, one of the first arguments Illyse and I ever had was over matzah pizza.

During our first Passover together, I invited Illyse and her nephew and niece to join us for lunch. The kids wanted matzah pizza. So did my kids. So I went into the kitchen to mix up my matzah pizza dough the way I had always done: combining matzah farfel with eggs, salt and pepper.

I had barely gotten started when Illyse came into the kitchen.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Making the dough for the matzah pizza."

"How long will it take, the kids are really hungry?"

"It will take about 15 minutes for me to get the crust baked and then another 15 or 20 minutes to bake after I put on the topping."

"That's too long. The kids are really hungry. They really like the kind of matzah pizza where you just spread sauce and cheese on the matzah and just bake it for a few minutes."

"But this is so much better. I've never just slapped sauce and cheese on a piece of matzah."

"But that's what they want. So stop messing around and just make them a simple matzah pizza."

I am embarrassed to say that the argument just escalated from there. In my mind, I was firmly convinced that my way to make matzah pizza was the only way and that once the kids had tasted it, they would never want to go back. To me, somehow, this was a matter of principle and I was not backing down. I was so adamant about sticking to my guns that I managed to ruin five people's afternoons along the way.

For a long time, I have been reluctant to tell this story. Who gets into a fight over the right way to make matzah pizza? Who puts commitment to the purity of the culinary arts above feeding a group of hungry children? Not one of my finest moments.

Lately, though, I have begun to see my behavior with a little more understanding. Yes, I was wrong, stubborn and willfully oblivious. But I was also being very human. Each one of us has our routines. Each one of us has made a thousand decisions about the right way to do things, whether it is the way we get ready in the morning or the kinds of vacations we take or the way we wash our clothes. Once we make these decisions, we stick to them so that our lives can feel orderly and efficient, so that we do not have to make so many decisions every day. Without our

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routines, we would be so busy making decisions about mundane things that we would never get anything done.

Sometimes, though, we can get so stuck in our routines that we cannot respond to changes in our circumstances. For many years, for example, my routine was to eat two sandwiches for lunch. But sometime in early middle age, I could feel my metabolism slowing down. I was starting to gain weight. I stuck with my lunch routine anyway, it was what I had always done. It was not until my clothes no longer fit me that I was finally able to accept my new reality and make a permanent change.

On that fateful Passover afternoon, I was also stuck in my routine. My circumstances had changed, but I had not fully embraced the change. I was engaged to a woman who had her own routines, and brought into our relationship a niece and nephew who had their own routines as well. I wanted these wonderful people to be a part of my life, but I guess I wanted them to be a part of my life on my own terms. Relationships do not work that way. In any new relationship, we must be prepared to be flexible, to respond to others' needs and be open to others' ways of thinking and doing things. Routines have to be open to negotiation and even reexamination in the light of new circumstances. If we insist on staying stuck in our routines, conflict is inevitable and our relationships will not thrive.

The matzah pizza incident was just one step in a long process for me of learning to be more flexible, more adaptable and less stuck in my routines. It took me a long time to understand that to be a good husband, father and rabbi, I had to embrace flexibility. So many things have changed in my family life, in my professional life and in the world that we live in during the last twenty years. Managing all these changes became much easier the more I learned to be comfortable with adapting my routines and my assumptions to the what was happening around me.

From my perspective, learning to be more flexible is one the most important things we can do if we want to live a happier and more fulfilled life. Almost two thousand years ago, Rabbi Shimon ben Elazar taught

At all times, let a person be as supple as a reed and not rigid as a cedar.

A reed, when the winds come and blow upon it, bends with them; when the winds are still the reed is yet upright in its place. And the end of this reed? Its good fortune is to be used as the pen that writes the Torah scroll.

The cedar, however, does not remain standing in its place; for as soon as the south wind blows, it uproots it and tears it down. And the end of the

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cedar? Loggers come upon it and chop it up and use it to cover the house-tops. And what remains, they cast to the flames.

As we approach the new year, let's make sure we are not stuck in unhelpful routines. Let's ask ourselves, what has changed in our lives? Where are we experiencing conflict or discomfort? How can we change our assumptions and routines to work better for our new reality? How can we push ourselves to be more flexible and more open to new ways of doing things?

These are important questions for each of us to ask ourselves as individuals as we prepare for the High Holidays. These are also important questions to ask ourselves as a congregation. So many things have changed for our Plainview Old Bethpage Jewish community in the last five years, the last ten years, the last twenty years. What do we need to do to adapt to our new circumstances. What do we need to do that we are a happy and thriving congregation? Together, we must work on answering these pressing questions. All we know now is that the answer to our questions begins, as does the answer to so many questions in our lives, with our willingness to be as flexible as a reed.

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## *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.***



## **PLAINVIEW Jewish Center**

### ***FRONT DOOR SECURITY***

**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.**

**A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT *by* SHEA LERNER**

The phrase “third time’s the charm” likely stems from the ancient belief that things coming in sets of three are often associated with luck and good fortune. The number three has been considered significant in various cultures and religions. Personally, my third term as President conjures a range of emotions related to my duties and obligations, including a strong sense of responsibility, dedication and exhaustion. My family’s deep personal connection to PJC, the Plainview-Old Bethpage Community, Israel and Klal Yisrael fosters a desire to serve; all while balancing congregational needs and personal commitments.



One of the greatest joys of working on behalf of the shul is the people who work alongside us. Back in July, we had the opportunity to recognize and celebrate Stacy Meyerson as our outgoing President. Aside from the fact I love Stacy like a sister, her term was highlighted by her action organizing support both internally and externally on behalf of the State of Israel after the attack on October 7th and her steadfast leadership creating our Endowment Fund, which will be highlighted at the High Holidays. I’m glad Stacy has agreed to continue to serve on the Executive Committee as Financial Secretary, and of course, a sounding board for good counsel.

On July 28th, over 150 people, from around the metropolitan area, attended the PJC program focusing on Anti-Semitism on College Campuses. Following a catered dinner, participants viewed the movie, “October 8th” detailing the rise in worldwide Jew Hatred post October 7th. Even more compelling, was the panel discussion led by four of our youth who have experienced various degrees of antisemitism and anti-Zionism on their university campuses. We can and should be proud of our student leaders who rose to the occasion to support and fight on behalf of their fellow co-religionists in these dark times. Yasher Koach to Molly Meyerson, Noah Lerner, Noah Leibowitz, Samantha Frisch and Yoni Conn for not only relaying their experiences, but for continuing on to be proud Jews and supporters of the Jewish State. Special Kudos to Rabbi Conn and Stacy Meyerson for coordinating this event and especially the Shirley and Martin Hoffman Jewish Youth Endowed Education Fund for sponsoring 100% of this event. For those who may not know or remember, Shirley and Martin Hoffman Z’l, were longtime members, generous donors and passionate supporters of Jewish youth in the community and worldwide. In their memory, their children Barrie, Tracey, Neal and their collective families, created an endowed fund that will annually present similar programs and lectures to benefit our youth and congregation. We are

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forever grateful for this exemplary support.

I hope you had the chance to attend our annual membership appreciation BBQ back on August 10th. It was a beautiful afternoon filled with friendship and great food. Special thanks to our BBQ team that included Stuart Haimes, Jeffrey Kammerman, Steven Adelman and Seth Pollack. Additional gratitude goes to our maintenance team of Freddy Franco, Tulia Bailon & Nathan Bailon, Our Security team, Robert Nardo, Jerry Aschettino, our Raffle Chair, Bruce Hymowitz and our volunteers, Jason Hymowitz and Noah Lerner. Special Kudos to Robert Ian Caterers for providing another fantastic menu.

Fundraising is the lifeblood of any organization. For those who attended our fabulous summer show event, "My son the Waiter, A Jewish Tragedy and Still Not Famous" at the Jeanne Rimsky Theatre, thank you! This event would not have been possible without the leadership and support of Judy Forman, who graciously suggested this program and willingly agreed to Chair. One person can make a difference: Judy always shines!

I look forward to welcoming you back on the High Holidays and showing off our new security doors and facility improvements made possible by numerous federal and state grants. Our Synagogue is only as good as its members. With your leadership, volunteerism, support and participation, PJC will continue to grow and thrive.

In friendship, **Shea**

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

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

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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Steve Guttman – [ssguttman@yahoo.com](mailto:ssguttman@yahoo.com)

Gail Kriss – [krisses@aol.com](mailto:krisses@aol.com)

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Rabbi Steven Conn – [rabbiconn@plainviewjewishcenter.org](mailto:rabbiconn@plainviewjewishcenter.org)





Friends:

PJC is in full preparation for the upcoming High Holidays and '25-'26 calendar year. Be on the lookout for information package detailing tickets, Kol Nidre and Yizkor appeals, membership, school, etc.

As you may be aware, our bookkeeper, Debbie Berman resigned her position on June 25th. I am pleased to announce that Sherry Elowsky, has generously volunteered to assume the bookkeeping position, at no cost to the congregation; a considerable savings to our budget.

Having retired with 30+ years of Senior Management experience in Finance with such notable companies as Bloomberg, Estee Lauder, Sleepy's and Parts Authority, Sherry has chosen to dedicate and focus her efforts with her congregation. A former First Lady of PJC, Sherry remains active with our Sisterhood and most recently served as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the congregation. In just a very short period of time, Sherry has proven her worth by re-organizing and streamlining our financial operations with efficiency and a keen eye.

Please note, all Special Arrangements and other confidential financial matters will be handled by me as President, Stacy Meyerson as Financial Secretary and our Special Arrangements Committee chaired by Cliff Broder. As is our policy, no member accounts are ever discussed with staff or board members in order to maintain privacy and respect.

Please join me in welcoming Sherry to this new position and give her the same respect and courtesy, you would any member of the PJC team and family.

Sincerely, Shea Z. Lerner

# High Holidays



Dear Fellow Congregants:

I am pleased to announce that our Cantor Emeritus, Morris Wolk has graciously agreed to serve as our Cantor for the upcoming High Holidays.

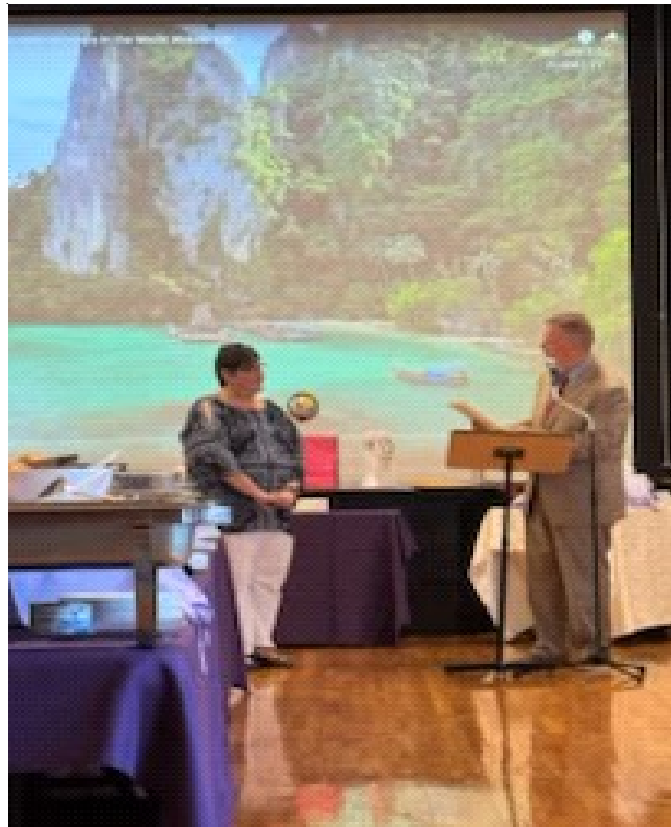
Beginning with Selichot services on September 13th, through Yom Kippur October 2nd, Cantor Wolk's beautiful voice will once again, permeate the halls of our sanctuary and synagogue; serving as our Shaliach Tzibor, "emissary of the congregation", before G-d.

Along with his lovely bride Gerry, Cantor Wolk served PJC with distinction for over 44 years prior to his retirement. Visiting us on many occasions since, the Wolk's continue their connection to our synagogue family by joining us once again, in celebrating for a happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the High Holidays!

Sincerely, Shea Z. Lerner, President  
[szlerner@optonline.net](mailto:szlerner@optonline.net)

## *Outgoing President's Dinner Honoring Stacy Meyerson*



*July 24, 2025*





PJC Men's Club  
invites you to our

# Welcome Back BBQ

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9  
AT 7:30 PM**

**RSVP NO LATER THAN SEPT. 3 TO:  
[pjcmensclubprez@gmail.com](mailto:pjcmensclubprez@gmail.com)**

**IT'S BASEBALL NIGHT – WEAR YOUR TEAM COLORS**  
**Great sports memorabilia raffle prizes!**

# TOT SHABBAT 2025-2026

Plainview Jewish Center  
95 Floral Drive West, Plainview, NY  
5:30-6:30 PM

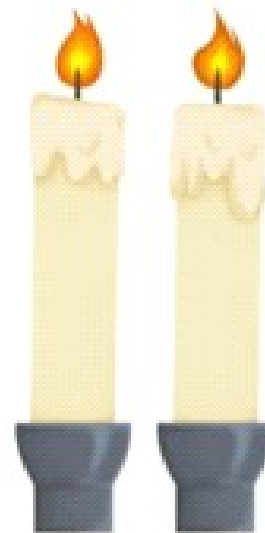
Join us for music, story time, and  
Shabbat blessings, followed by a  
dairy dinner

**Featuring**  
**Stacy Kelly,**  
Michal  
Fruchter,  
and Rabbi  
Conn



## DATES

September 12  
October 10  
November 7  
December 5  
January 23  
February 27  
March 27  
May 15





*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*

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

**Pam & Shea Lerner – In memory of Carol Berman**

**Cheng Zhong Wang**

**Janice & Jeffrey Cole – In honor of Jacob Wayne**

**Harvey L. Lefkowitz**

**Francine & Michael Prager – In memory of Howard Friedman**

**Barbara Gewirtz – Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

**Ellen & Robert Hayman**

**Marlene & Eugene Hymowitz**

**Jeffrey Elman**

**Leslie & Dan Jeffery**

**Frances & Marvin Bader**

**Stacey & Steven Granat –**

**In honor of the marriage of Carly Fitterman & Zachary Goldberg**

**Harvey Hofstatter – Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

## *Religious School - Michael Fruchter, Principal*

Welcome to a brand new school year at PJC! We hope you had a summer filled with rest, adventure, and time to recharge. Now, we're excited to open our doors and hearts as we begin another year of learning, growing, and creating memories together.

This year promises to be full of opportunities — to explore new ideas, challenge ourselves, and build meaningful connections. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare engaging lessons, enrich our classrooms, and ensure a supportive environment where every student can thrive.

We believe that a successful school year is built on strong partnerships between home and school. Your involvement, encouragement, and open communication make a tremendous difference in your child's educational journey. Let's continue working together to inspire curiosity, foster kindness, and celebrate every achievement — big and small.

Here are a few important reminders as we begin:

- First Day of School: Sunday, September 7
- School Hours: Sunday 9-11:30am Wednesday 4:15-6:15pm

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. Let's make this year one filled with laughter, learning, and lasting memories. We can't wait to see you on the first day!

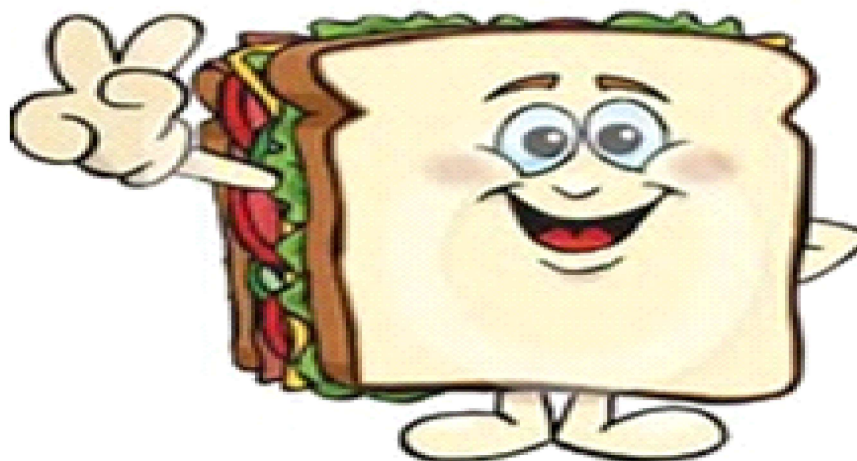
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**WE WISH TO THANK AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE MORNING MINYAN:**

**Randy & David Goldstein**

**Eileen & Ed Fleischman**

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



**SEPTEMBER 14TH - 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!*

## PrePlan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

Join us at Plainview Jewish  
Center for Sunday Brunch with  
Adam Novak

CONVERSATION: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

HOSTED BY ADAM NOVAK

Where: Plainview Jewish Center

When: Sunday, September 14th, 2025

Time: 10:00AM

PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER  
95 FLORAL DRIVE WEST  
PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK 11803  
TEL (516) 938-8610

ADAM NOVAK  
FUNERAL DIRECTOR  
(TEL) 516.418.7000







*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.*



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](http://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/>





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Care Programs

## **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  
September 12th at 5:30pm



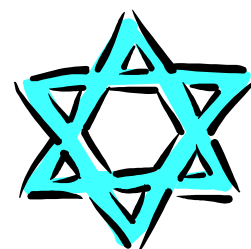
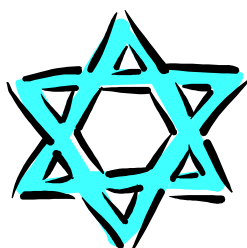
***Led by Michal Fruchter with  
Shana Fruchter on keyboard***

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

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**PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER***Sisterhood*

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or email at [cheli502@aol.com](mailto:cheli502@aol.com).**

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## Plainview Jewish Center Special Gifts

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

Bimah  
Torah  
New Torah  
Torah Crown  
Torah Rimonim  
Torah Breastplate  
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  
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**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*



Welcome to another year of Sisterhood! I hope everyone had a great summer. As I continue as Sisterhood President for another year, I would like to repeat a quote by Ronald Reagan, "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one who gets the people to do the greatest things." Our committees are always looking for new ideas and people to join in. If you want to help make Sisterhood the greatest it can be, become a member and join a committee or suggest an idea and help make it happen. I am open to new ideas for programming or things you would like to see us do. Feel free to reach out to me with your ideas.

Sisterhood promotes socialization and friendships while supporting and sponsoring numerous programs and activities within our congregation and the community. I hope that you find something that sparks your interest and that our current members look forward to rejoining us for another activity-filled year. It is also my hope that those who are not Sisterhood members will want to be a part of this vital arm of the PJC. We have many great programs and activities planned for the coming year. Join us for our general meetings, book club, canasta or mahjonnig tournaments or bingo to name just a few.

Although our monthly meetings are usually on the first Tuesday of the month, during the winter months we will be trying to have our meetings on Sunday mornings. Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 2nd. We'll be having a cooking demonstration on the preparation of Kasha Varnishkes. Come at 7:45pm to schmooze and reunite with old friends and make some new ones. The program will begin at about 8:15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Due to the holidays, we will not have a general meeting in October. Join us for "Cookie in the Sukkie" on Wednesday October 8th and our Paid-Up Membership Brunch on Sunday November 16th, which will once again be held with Men's Club.



L'Shana Tovah! May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

**PROGRAM Rose Weiner - Program Vice President**

Hope everyone had a happy, healthy summer and survived the many heat waves by keeping cool in a pool or in air conditioning. Welcome to another Sisterhood year with many events, fund raisers and monthly meetings that are interesting, informative and entertaining.

Tuesday September 2nd is our first general meeting. Everyone is welcome!!!! Come and join us at 7:45 PM to snack and schmooze. The program will be Ray from Woodbury Kosher who will teach and demonstrate how to make Kasha Varnishkes- a favorite traditional holiday food. Goes well with brisket or pot roast. You will also receive a booklet of recipes for holiday favorites. Mark your calendar. Hope to see everyone.

**Rose Weiner**, Program VP

**MEMBERSHIP Rhonnie Diener - Membership Vice President**

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are now ready for an exciting year in Sisterhood. We have been busy planning exciting programs and activities for the coming year. Let's start the new year by joining our Sisterhood. Sisterhood has monthly meetings- usually held on the first Tues. of each month starting at 7:45 PM. (Occasionally we have our monthly meetings on Sunday mornings.) Snacking and schmoozing until the program starts, usually at 8:15. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2nd. Come on down for a cooking demonstration. You will learn how to prepare a great side dish for the upcoming holidays which begins with Rosh Hashanah on Monday, September 22nd at sundown. You won't want to miss this! We all can reconnect with old friends and make new ones at the meeting. Everyone is welcome so bring your friends to check us out. I can't wait to meet you and tell you all about our Sisterhood!

Sisterhood is a multi-generation group where we all learn from each-other. We welcome all ideas for new programs and activities based upon your interests. So come on down for a rewarding experience- learning new things and making new long-lasting friendships. See you there on September 2nd.

**Rhonnie Diener**, Vice President of Membership

**EDUCATION Michele Brickman - Education Vice President**

As Jews, we are frequently asked to endure a double standard when it comes to female brutality, as we saw in the October 7th massacre. The “Me Too, Unless You Are a Jew” movement within Hamas is a terrible attitude that fosters anti-Semitism, particularly toward women.

In the movie, *October 8th*, that I saw at PJC, some of our own college students gave first-hand accounts of the hate of the SJP (Students for Justice in Palestine) on campus and how they attempt to delegitimize Israel at every opportunity. Those true recordings by Hamas about the attack on Israel made for a very scary film. I felt like I was watching a terrifying film about the Nazis in Germany in the 1930's!!

Hamas and its sympathizers in New York State want to globalize the intifada chaos and then blame the Jews for everything wrong in the world. The intifada contradicts all of the values of the civilized, free world.

We should never stop talking about this threat in our community and elsewhere. We must talk about it in public because we can't be afraid to do something and talk about it.

Next month, the Sisterhood will be taking a group of women (and men, too) to the Holocaust Remembrance Museum in Glen Cove, NY. If you are interested in details for attending this trip, please contact Rhonnie Diener, Barbara Berse or me (mk17ny@gmail.com).

May you all enjoy a safe and peaceful Rosh Hashannah, and a safe and peaceful new year to follow. Shalom, **Michele**

**Torah Fund: Rose Weiner**

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At our general meetings each month we have what we call “Simcha Cake “. Women contribute \$1.00 for each happy occasion that occurs that month. It could be a birthday, anniversary, birth, graduation, engagement, etc. It is announced out loud to all who are at the meeting. Going forward we will be donating the money collected each month to the Torah Fund which goes to support the Jewish Theological Seminary. This is an easy and fun way to share your simchas and do something good at the same time. Judaism must continue to thrive.



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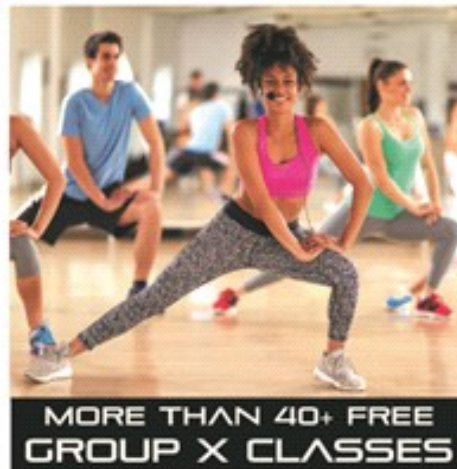
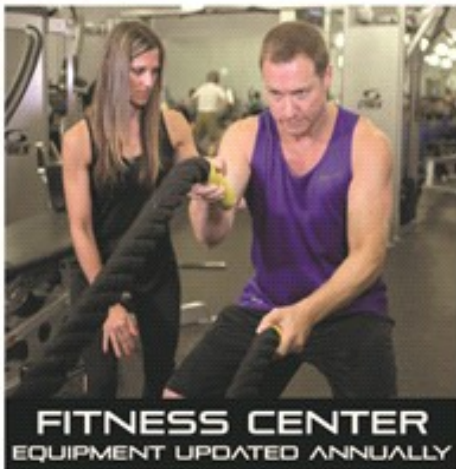
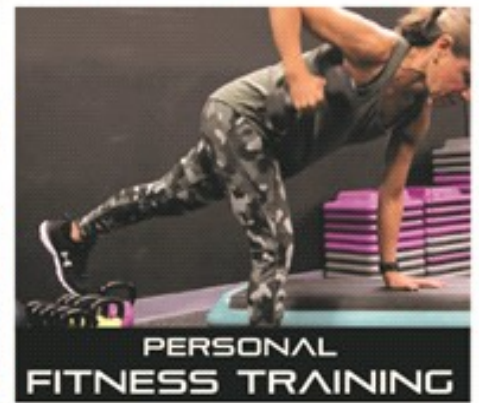


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**MEN'S CLUB by Seth Pollack****A Message from Your New President**

Shalom,

Hello everyone. I am Seth Pollack, your new President of the Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club. It is with a deep sense of honor and responsibility that I begin my term as President. I am truly humbled by your support and excited for the opportunity to serve this incredible community.

My wife Louise and I have been members of PJC for 30 years, having raised our family in Plainview and continue to support the temple through active participation in programs. Our children attended the Hebrew school many years ago. No doubt it's an active synagogue with many rich programs that continue to serve the community in so many ways.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our outgoing president, Stu Haimen, whose leadership, dedication, and vision continued to build upon a strong foundation for where we stand today. We **are** the largest active Men's Club on Long Island and remain strong in our commitment to the temple and our community. I look forward to building upon that legacy with your help. Working alongside Stu who is now President of the NY Metro Region of the FJMC, we will develop and engage other Men's Clubs in the area to form new friendships and participate in joint programs. More than ever, we will build a stronger community.

Our Men's Club is more than a social group—it is a cornerstone of Jewish life in our synagogue and our broader community. It is a place where we come together not only for camaraderie, but for service, spiritual enrichment, learning, and action. Whether through mitzvah projects, holiday events, social gatherings, or supporting our youth and congregation, the strength of our club lies in the heart and commitment of its members.

Over the coming year, my focus as president will be on three things:

- 1. Connection.** Let's strengthen the relationships that already exist, and make sure new members feel genuinely welcomed and involved from day one.
- 2. Engagement.** I want our programs and events to reflect the diversity of interests and experiences we all bring. Whether it's a Sunday brunch, a speaker series, volunteer projects, or just a casual game or movie night, there should be something for everyone.

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**Men's Club** ( continued from Page 32 )

**3. Purpose.** Our PJC Men's Club isn't just social - it's spiritual, it's service-oriented, and it's grounded in values. I want us to keep that at the center of what we do. Whether through acts of tzedakah, community partnerships, or supporting our youth—we'll continue to make a real impact.

I encourage each of you to get involved in whatever way is comfortable for you. Whether it's attending events, lending a hand with a project such as our stage construction for our annual show, or sharing your ideas for fun and successful fundraising programs – I am eager to hear your voice.

The Men's Club is already beginning to plan many events in the Fall (September/October) including our very popular welcome back BBQ, Sukkah raising, our very successful (and delicious) Alan Hodes Steak and Single Malt Scotch program in the Sukkah and meet the Candidates.

Lastly, I wanted to acknowledge two individuals who have contributed so much to the temple and the Men's Club. Our Man of The Year - Gary Stolack and recipient of The Lifetime Achievement Award - Fred Skolnick. We thank you both for your dedication and commitment to PJC.

Together with Dave Dender, our First Vice President and the entire Executive Club Board, I look forward to a year of meaningful connection, joyful celebration, and continued strength as a brotherhood.

B'Shalom, Your President and Friend **Seth Pollack**

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		Thursday <b>9</b> 7:30 pm	 Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah	Sunday <b>16</b> 10:00 am	 MC/S Paid-Up Membership Brunch
Tuesday <b>30</b> 8:30 pm	 Board Meeting	Tuesday <b>21</b> 7:30 pm	 Meet the Candidates Night		
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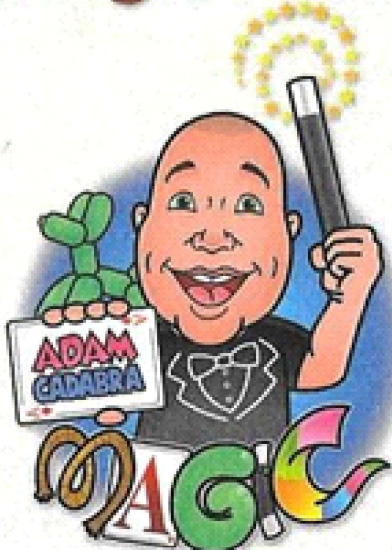
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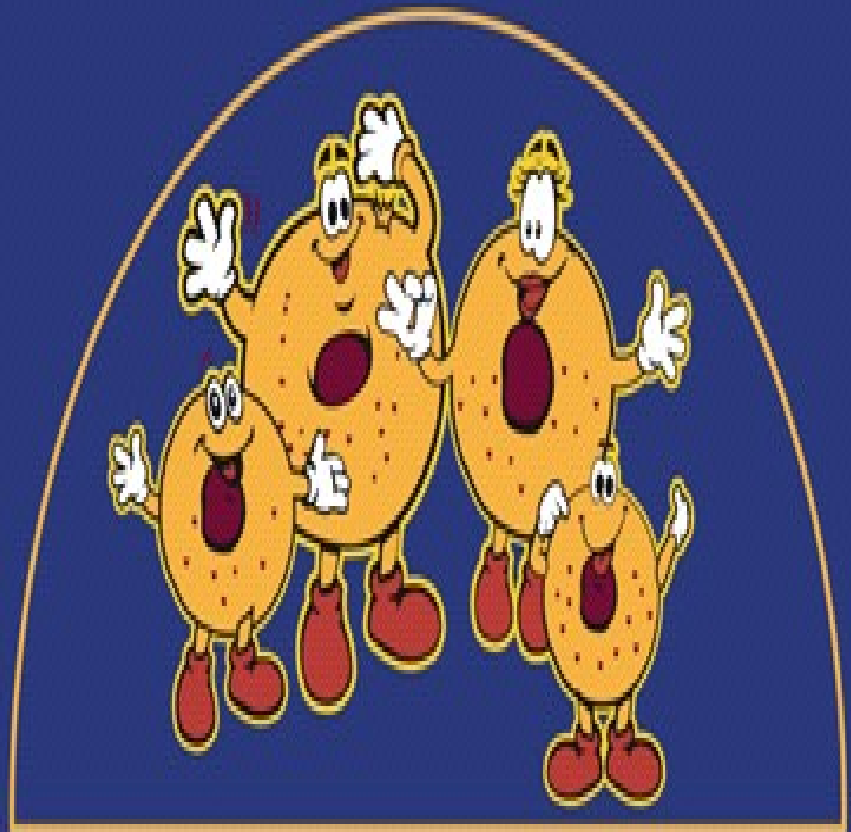
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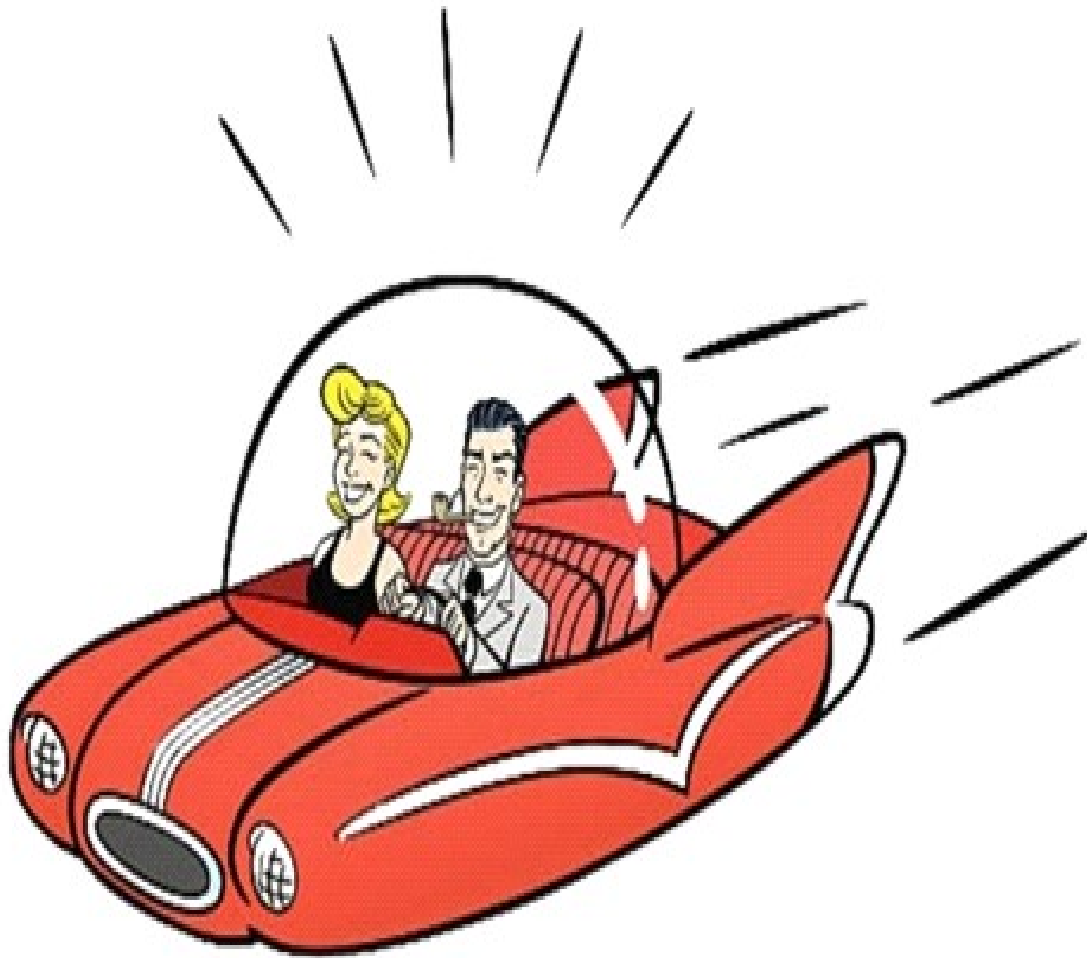
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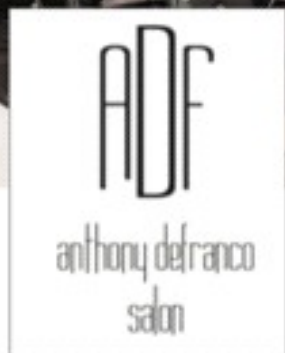
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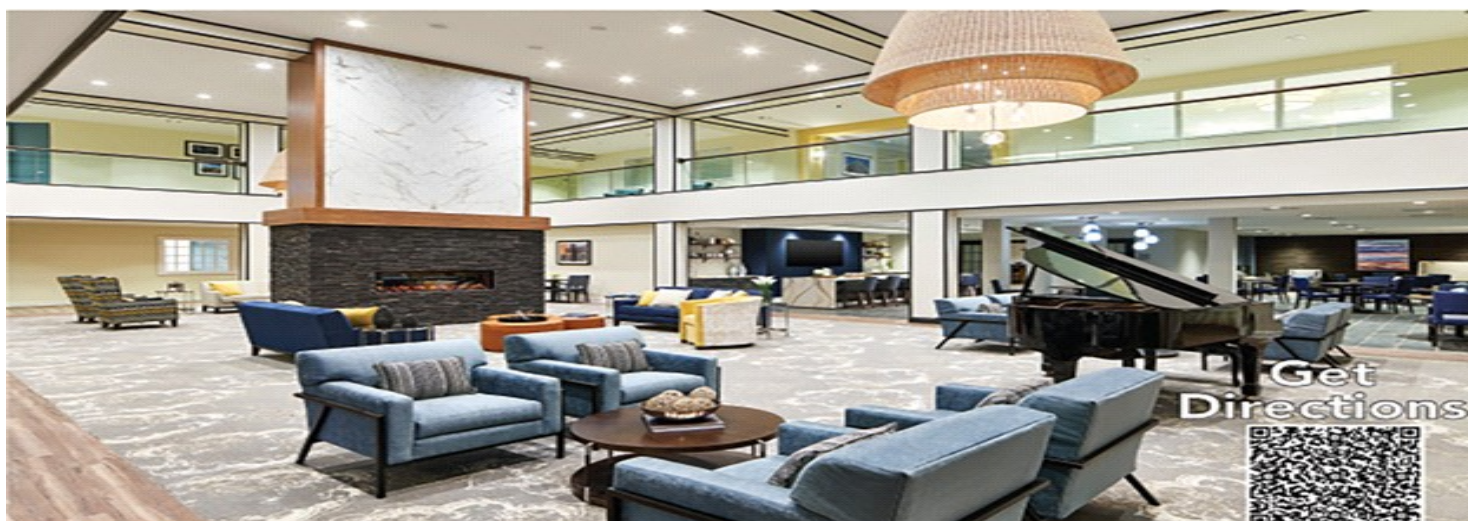




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**Rabbi Conn can be reached at PJC  
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