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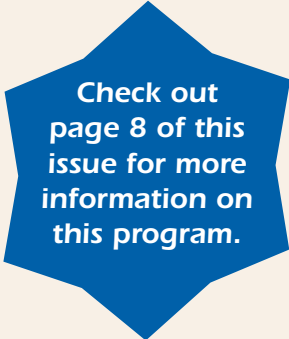


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**Plainview Jewish Center**  
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## Message from the President



Spring is here and Passover is just a couple of weeks away. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a zissen Pesach. May you enjoy the holiday with family and friends. This is one of the most joyous holidays on the Jewish calendar. I enjoy celebrating with family and extended family on the first night and this year, Michele, my mom and I will be going to the Plainview Jewish Center Seder on the second night for the third year in a row. Rabbi Conn and Cantor Merrick do a great job leading a beautiful seder and our caterer's Passover dinner is absolutely delicious. The seder includes all of the traditional readings from the haggadah as well followed by dinner which includes matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, other appetizers and a main course of chicken and brisket with all the trimmings. Desserts and popular Passover candies and snacks are always included. If you are considering your plans for either of the 2 seders (or both) I highly recommend the Plainview Jewish Center Passover Seder.

If Passover is ahead, then Purim cannot have been too far behind. On Saturday, March 23rd, Purim was celebrated at Plainview Jewish Center. Many of us enjoyed dinner followed by family megillah reading, costume contest, trivia, and musical selections with Cantor Merrick and her guitar. No PJC Purim celebration is complete without the signature Men's Club Ice Cream Sundae Party. I want to thank Steve Taub for taking time out of his busy day to pick up the ice cream and all the toppings. A big "thank you" to our sponsors, Shea Lerner and Mark Klayman. Your support and generosity is always appreciated. Thanks to Gary Stolack, Mike Chad, Andy Bader, Shea Lerner, Roy Grabois, Steven Adelman and Jeff Reis for dishing out the ice cream and helping with all the festivities.

By the time you read this, our March Madness program will be well underway. Hopefully by now your brackets are still alive. Many thanks and a big yasher koach to Steven Adelman for organizing this fundraiser. We have exceeded our expectations with the largest number of participants so far.

As I write this, many of our Men's Club members and their families and friends are getting ready to depart for UBS Arena to watch the Islanders play the New Jersey Devils. I hope you all had a great time and I hope the Islanders win. I'm sorry I was unable to join you but my kids were visiting with my granddaughter and we are having family dinner. Thanks to Shea Lerner for securing the tickets and working out all the details.

I invite you to attend a very informative and enlightening program on Tuesday, April 9th at 8:00 PM. Mark Schleisner, Facilitator of Holocaust Restitution will be on hand to discuss his success in obtaining financial compensation for Holocaust survivors and their families.

The Plainview Jewish Center is planning to install a community garden behind the building on Cherry Drive. If you have a green thumb or would like to participate in *continued on page 4*

*continued from page 3* its construction, planting and maintenance, please let me know. This will be a fun and rewarding project for all family members, especially the kids!

As we are now in April, the weather is going to improve and our attention will turn to outdoor activities. We are open to all ideas for outdoor programs. If you have an idea that you think we would enjoy, please let us know.

As mentioned earlier, Passover is just a couple of weeks away. As you enjoy time with family and friends, please remember those less fortunate and make a contribution to the Hatzilu Rescue Organization. Make checks out to Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club and send them to the temple office.

As we celebrate Passover, let's remember and think of the hostages still being held by Hamas. Say a prayer for them and the 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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## Purim Katan

In a Jewish leap year, a second month of Adar is added to the Jewish calendar, creating Adar I and Adar II. The question that arises is, in which Adar does one celebrate the important events that occur in that month? On a communal level, this question refers to the holiday of Purim. On a personal level, this affects the observance of yahrzeits and bar/bat mitzvahs.

The holiday of Purim marks the anniversary of God's overturning the wicked plot of Haman (read the full story) on the 14th of Adar. According to tractate Megillah 6b, during a leap year Purim is observed in Adar II. However, during Adar I, the importance of the 14th of Adar must also be acknowledged. Purim Katan, "Little Purim," as 14 Adar I is called, is therefore observed as a minor holiday. On Purim Katan certain aspects of the prayer service are omitted, fasting is forbidden and eulogies are generally prohibited. Additionally, it is considered praiseworthy to mark the day with a small festive meal (perhaps preparing or ordering a nicer lunch).

Aside from Purim, individual life cycle events may also be affected by the extra month of Adar. A child born in Adar during a regular year celebrates his/her bar or bat mitzvah in Adar II, if it occurs during a leap year. During a leap year, a bar or bat mitzvah celebration is only celebrated in Adar I if the child was born in Adar I. (This leads to the possible interesting anomaly that a child born on the first day of Adar II celebrates his Bar Mitzvah one month before a child born on the 30th day of Adar I, if the Bar Mitzvah year is not a leap year.)

With respect to yahrzeit observances, however, there is a difference of opinion. The Ashkenzi custom, which follows the Rema, is to observe the yahrzeit during Adar I (but there are those who observe in Adar II, and even those who observe both Adars). According to Sephardi custom, which follows Rabbi Joseph Karo, the nachala is observed during Adar II. However, the yahrzeit of one who passes away in either Adar of a leap year is observed only in the Adar in which they passed.



## Tuesday, April 9 @ 8pm Mark Schleisner, Facilitator of Holocaust restitution to speak at PJC

Mark Schleisner is the son of German Holocaust refugees. His father, Joseph, escaped Germany in 1941, and his mother, Lori, 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).

In his presentation, Mark will describe his family's Holocaust history, his experience growing up in as a child of Holocaust survivors, and how he found his path as a facilitator of Holocaust restitution.





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**Your Yom HaShoah yellow candle is to be lit on Sunday night, May 5, 2024.**

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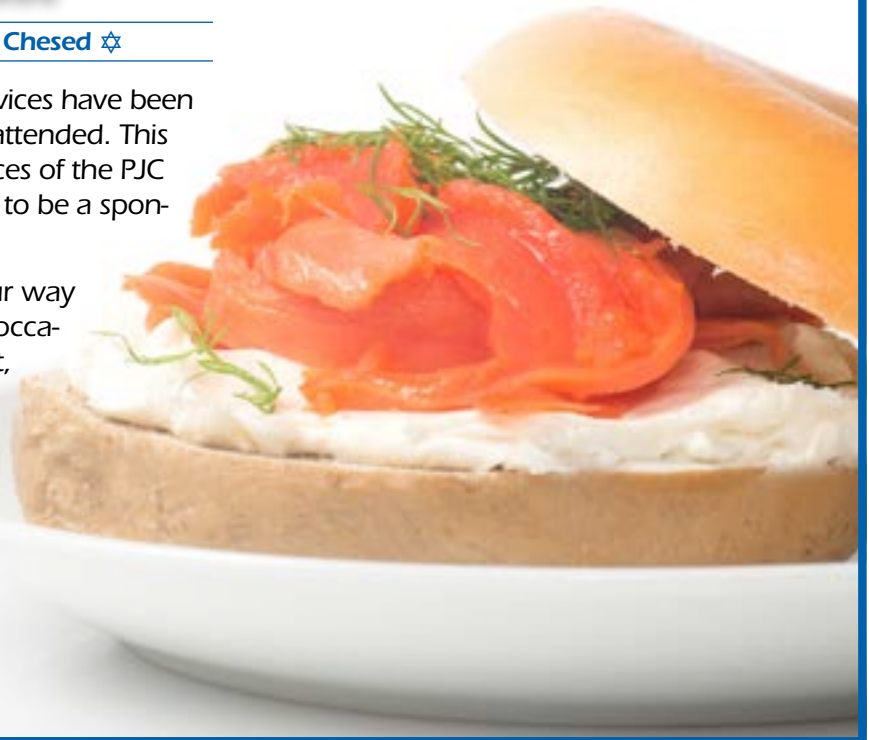
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Sponsoring one of the breakfasts can be your way of expressing any sort of announcement or occasion, such as a commemoration of a Yahrzeit, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a wedding, a birth of a child or grandchild or a graduation, etc. A donation of \$72 or more to Men's Club helps defray the cost and supports Men's Club's charitable activities.

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- 4/14 David Dender
- 4/21 Howard Lampert
- 4/28 Passover

**May Gary Stolack 631-379-9761**

- 5/5 Steve Adelman
- 5/12 Michael Chad
- 5/19 Mark Hochberg
- 5/26 Tom Atlas

**June Stewart Wasserman 516-698-2220**

- 6/2 Jeff Kaden
- 6/9 David Kubrick
- 6/16 Michael Portnoy
- 6/23 Larry Danziger
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1-Jeff Reis, Andy Bader, Steven Adelman and Shea Lerner  
2-Benjamin Casper (Andy Bader's grandson)  
3-Ida Kleiner and Murray Kleiner  
4-Steven Adelman and Shea Lerner



**Purim Celebration ■ March 23**



1-Jeff Reis, Steven Adelman, Shea Lerner and Roy Grabois  
2-Seth Pollack, Michael Prospect and Steve Taub  
3-Andrew Goodman



**Purim Celebration ■ March 23**



1-Bruce Elowsky, Seth Pollack, Steve Taub, Michael Prospect and Men's Club President Stu Haimes  
2-Men's Club Board members serving the Purim celebrants



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In order to help our Jewish poor and elderly, please make a donation to **Hatzilu**. A volunteer from Men's Club will send a certificate to honor the name and the occasion you want. This is an ideal way to express a "Simcha" or "Sympathy" and help **Hatzilu** in their mission to help our fellow Jews and others in our community. Please e-mail Steve Glasser at: [stevetg@aol.com](mailto:stevetg@aol.com) or call him at: 516.660.0161 to order a certificate.



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Someone under-the-weather and you can't get to the Temple to make a Mishaberach? We've made it simple! Just complete this form and either call in the information to the Temple at 516.938.8610 or fax it to the Temple at 516.938.2737 before 4p.m., Monday-Thursday or Friday before 3 p.m. and we will make sure the Mishaberach is made that evening. Kindly provide the Hebrew names if possible.

#### Mishaberach Information Form

Date of request: \_\_\_\_\_

Person's Name (M/F) Hebrew: \_\_\_\_\_

English: \_\_\_\_\_

Their Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mishaberach Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

The Mishaberach will be said for a period of 2 weeks. If you want it to be said longer you need to call the Temple office to update the request form. Follow up your request, by mail or bring this form & your donation to the Temple office: Plainview Jewish Center, 95 Floral Drive West, Plainview, NY 11803-2899. Please make checks payable to: Plainview Jewish Center.

*Note: If you make a Mishaberach at a minyan it is customary to put gelt into the Pishka. It's a Mitzvah!*

The PJC Men's Club Board & Members wish to extend a Refuah Shelama to:

- ◆ Marvin Bader ◆ Michele Brickman ◆
- ◆ Jack Levine ◆ Robert Schaarschmidt ◆

To update this list send information to: [hakolpjcmc@aol.com](mailto:hakolpjcmc@aol.com).  
For Hatzilu certificates call/e-mail Steve Glasser (details above)

# Men's Club Dates to Watch For

## APRIL

Tuesday  
**9**  
7:30 pm



Holocaust Reparations Presentation

## MAY

Monday  
**5**



Yom HaShoah

## JUNE

Tuesday  
**11**  
7:30 pm



Member Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday  
**30**  
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

Tuesday  
**28**  
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

Tuesday  
**25**  
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

## Sudoku Puzzle

### Why Play Sudoku

Preliminary evidence suggest that staying mentally active may be associated with preservation of cognitive function. Science tells us that children and young adults may build up brain "reserves" by reading and undertaking mental challenges, and older adults can continue to build these brain connections through stimulating activities. In fact, building these cognitive reserves is a lifelong process in which some nerve cells (neurons) form, some die, and others interconnect. For more information, please visit [brightfocus.org/ADR](https://brightfocus.org/ADR)

### Here's How It Works

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

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

### Last Month's Answers

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